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is well known. No monarch who had not actually worn it on his brow was considered entitled to their allegiance, and its possession, therefore, became, in cases of disputed suc-cession, an object of the highest importance.

On the death of King Albert a powerful party desired to offer the throne to the King of Poland, while Queen Elizabeth naturally wished to retain it for the son whose birth she confidently anticipated, and as one step to-wards this end she resolved to get possession of the mysterious "golden round," from which a consecrating influence was supposed to ema-nate. Helena Kottanner, a lady-in-waiting, and a kind of instructress to the young princess, her daughter, consented to assist her in this undertaking, though fully aware that she there-

by incurred deadly peril:by incurred deadly peril:—
The noble Queen, with her young daughter, the Lady Elizabeth, then went to Komorn, and Count Ulrick von Eily came to her grace as a faithful friend, and they took counsel together by what means to get the sacred crown out of the Castle of Plintenburg. Then came my gracious lady, the Queen, to me, and would have that I should do it, since no one whom she could trust would have such good opportunity. But I was very much terrified, for it would be a dangerous thing for me and my little children, and I had no one of whom I could ask counsel, but only God alone. But I I could ask counsel, but only God alone. But I bethought myself that if I would not do it, and any evil arose in consequence, the fault would be mine before God and the world, so I agreed to venture my life in this perilous journey, and desired to have some man to help me. I was asked who this should be, and I named one whom I knew to be devoted to my lady, the Queen, with his whole heart. This man was a Croat, and he was taken into our counsel and told what was wanted. But the man was so frightened that his face changed to the colour of death, and he went out directly to the stables to his horses. And I do not know whether it was God's will, or whether he did anything awkward, but there came word directly that one of the horses had fallen upon him and he was sorely hurt. As soon as he got a little recovered he went away at once to Croatia, and the business had to be put off, and my gracious lady and I were in great trouble and anxiety because this weak-hearted man knew of

A bolder assistant was at length found, but it would take too much space to recount the it would take too much space to recount the various difficulties that occurred, and the patience and courage by which they were surmounted, until the final moment when the three locked doors, by which the crown was guarded, had all been broken through, and Helena sat alone in the middle of the night listening, while her accomplice in the innocent theft fastened on other locks prepared for the theft fastened on other locks prepared for the purpose, that the loss might not be immediately discovered. Even still she shuddered at what she was doing as if it had been sacrilege, though she says, nevertheless, that the Almighty had mercifully stopped the ears of the Burgrave and his people who had charge of the crown, so that they remained huried in

of the Burgrave and his people who had charge of the crown, so that they remained buried in sleep and heard nothing:—

But I heard all well, and I kept my watch in great fear and dread, and I knelt down devoutly and prayed to God, and to our dear Lady, that they would succour and stand by me; but yet I had greater care for my soul than for my life, and I besought God that if this thing were against his will, so that I might be damned for it, or that any harm should come of it to the country and the people, that he would be merciful to my soul and strike me dead here upon the spot. strike me dead here upon the spot.

As she was not struck dead, Helena consung King Ladislaus, who, at his father's cluded that the enterprise was not unlawful; and it is also curiously characteristic of the time that, on being startled from her prayer other countries.

garians to this material emblem of sovereignty | by an unexpected noise, and thrown into excess of terror by the idea that it was made by some of the people of the castle, she after-wards re-assured herself and went on with her prayers, on making up her mind that it was only a ghost. The presence of a ghost was accepted by the lady of the fifteenth century as a quite simple explanation of the phenomenon, just as to a modern might be that of a mouse. The sacred crown was then sewn up in a griven velves overlap, but it had still in a crimson velvet cushion, but it had still various adventures to pass through before it got to Komorn and was delivered to the Queen.

got to Komorn and was delivered to the Queen. One of these was the narrowly escaping being sunk along with its guardians, and a party of noble ladies, in the Danube.—

When we got to the place where we were to dine, my trusty companion took the cushion containing the crown, and carried it into the chamber and laid it on a table opposite me, so that it remained all the time under my eyes; and when we had dined he took it and laid it on the sledge as before, and we drove on till it was quite dark before, and we drove on till it was quite dark night when we got to the Danube. This was still covered with ice, but the ice was thin in some places, and when we got to the middle of the river the carriage that held the young ladies broke int and upset, and they could not see one another, and raised a great screaming. I was very much frightened, too, for I thought nothing but that we and the sacred crown were going to the bottom of the river. But God was our helper, so that no one got under the ice, but some of the things that one got under the ree, but some of the things that were in the carriage fell in and were lost. And I took the Duchess of Silesia, and the first of the young ladies, with me on the sledge, and so with God's help we got across, and so did the others.

The sacred crown arrived at Komorn almost in the back of a which

in the same hour in which the head on which in the same hour in which the head on which it was to be placed made its appearance in the world, but Helena's cares were not yet over. It is, or was, considered indispensable to a Hungarian sovereign, not only that he should wear this particular corona regni, but that he should be crowned by the Archbishop of Grau, and at Weissenburg, and as three months. should be crowned by the Archbishop of Grau, and at Weissenburg; and as, three months after his birth, it was deemed fitting that the young Ladislaus should go through this ceremony, another perilous journey had to be undertaken, through a country mostly indisposed to the royal party. The crown, wrapped carefully in cloths, was placed in the straw at the bottom of the young king's cradle, "for his Grace did not yet lie upon feathers, and we put by the side of it a long spoon, such as is used by the side of it a long spoon, such as is used to make pap, so that if anybody put his hand into the cradle he would think there were only the things for making the noble king's pap."

The cradle was carried by four men in

armour-Helena and the nurse riding by the "noble king" got wet, and Helena had to take off her own mantle to cover him; some-times the dust blew into his Grace's eyes so that he could not see, and sometimes his Grace roared so lustily that Helena was obliged to dismount and take him out of his cradle and this manner they made their entrance into Weissenburg, the knights having also alighted, and formed in a circle, with drawn swords, round the tiny monarch and the crown, which appears the more important personality of the

Here we must leave the faithful Helena, who, we are glad to find, had the honour of holding the "noble king" at his coronation at St. Stephen's altar, and, moreover, of receiving on her arm the blow of the sword given when his Grace was dubbed a knight, and sub-

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sequently holding him up in a cloth of gold to the admiration of all beholders. His Grace, himself, as she nawely remarks, "had little joy in his coronation, for he wept with a loud the whole church;" but, at least, his subjects could loyally remark, "that they should have taken it for the voice of a child a year

Passing over the narrative of Thomas Platter, which has, we believe, been in print before, we come to some interesting fragments from a MS. preserved in the Ducal Library at Gotha. They are taken from a chronicle of his time by Frederick Myconius, afterwards the friend and coadjutor of Luther, and they give a striking picture of the struggles of an earnest and devout young soul, striving to make its way through the mass of rubbish by which, in the beginning of the sixteenth century, religion was well nigh buried. Of the rude and childish mechanism by which men, who devoted their lives to religion, thought to effect their object, Herr Freytag gives some curious examples. In the Brothergives some curious examples. In the Brother-hood of the Eleven Thousand Virgins, for instance, founded by the Elector Frederick "the Wise," the community had accumulated a vast fortune in spiritual treasures, which was to be at the disposal of its members, to help them on their road to salvation. They were entitled to draw upon a fund of no less than 6,455 Masses, 3,550 entire Psalters, 200,000 Rosaries, 200,000 Te Deums, 1,600 Gloria in Rxcelsis, besides 11,000 Prayers of the Patroness St. Ursula, and "630 times, 11,000 Paternosters and Ave Marias." All this vast capital was to be employed for the benefit of those who joined the Order, which, in one respect, was a favourable specimen, as it was intended for the special benefit of the poor, and a man who had no other means might work his passage in, either by a payment of 11,000 Paternosters and Ave Marias in a lump, or by instalments of thirty-two a day for a year, sixteen for two years, or eight for four years, arranged like the premiums in a life-insurance office. A man who had not the industry or the strength for such an amount of spiritual labour, and was possessed of some of the goods of this life, might get in by having eleven Masses performed for his especial behoof.

Against the viler enormity of the sale of Indulgences solitary voices had, even within the Church itself, been, from time to time, raised in protest, but they had died away, or been stifled, before they could materially interfere with the trade of the Popes, who, during the fifteenth century, were, almost to a man, of profligate lives, and notorious unbelievers in

the doctrines they professed.

The most celebrated hawker of these valuable spiritual wares, the burly, impudent Dominican Tetzel, used, at the beginning of the sixteenth century, to come riding into the towns of Germany, with his chest of merchandise before him and agreat following of monks and priests, amidst the ringing of bells, and every demonstration of respect from the clergy and laity of the place, who came out to meet him and conducted him to the principal church. Here a large red crucifix was set up in the nave—the crown of thorns, and the holes of the nails carefully and vividly represented, and frequently with the addition of real blood. Near the crucifix was planted the standard of the Church, with the Papal ensign of the Triple Crown floating above, and before it the chest of Indulgences.

our metropolitan markets.

Amongst the lookers-on at these extraordinary spectacles was one Frederick Mecum, or, as it was Latinized, Myconius, afterwards the faithful and zealous disciple of Luther, but as yet a simple and piously disposed youth of nineteen, who had no idea of any possible access to Heaven but by the gate of which the keys were kept at Rome. Some of his theological writings have been printed, but his autobiographical narrative, from which the follow-

ing is taken, has hitherto existed only in Ms.

I could relate marvellous things, (he says), of
what I have heard Tetzel preach, for he used to
preach every day, and I went to hear him so
diligently that I could have repeated some of his sermons with the very expression and gestures that he made use of-but not to mock him, for I was greatly in earnest. I held all he said for oracula and the divine word; and for what came from the Pope I thought it was just the same as if it came from

Christ himself.

At last, at Whitsuntide, in the year of Christ 1510, he, Tetzel, threatened that he would lay down the red crucifix and close the door of Heaven, and put out the sun, and people would never again be able to buy forgiveness of sins and eternal life for so little money. "It could not be expected," he said, "that as long as the world lasted a Pope would ever offer such a favour again, and people would do well to think of their souls and those of their friends dead or alive. Now, was the day of salvation,

the acceptable time.

As even this warning did not bring in customers fast enough, placards were now posted about on the walls and church-doors, to say that Indulgences should be sold at a lower price than they had ever been before, in fact, at what the drapers' shops in London call an "awful sacrifice;" and, moreover, at the bottom of the placard, to show the charitable disposition of his Holiness, the seller, were added the words, Pauperibus dentur gratis. Hereupon the poor scholar, Myconius, who was then but indifferently provided with this world's gear, thought his turn was come. He had been looking on somewhat longingly at these spiritual dainties, but had been prevented from investing in them any of his scanty portion of coin by the remembrance of certain heretical opinions, expressed by his father, to the effect, that Indulgences were merely "nets to fish up money from foolish people;" that God would forgive our sins gratis if we earnestly prayed him to do so, and that forgiveness and salvation were not to be had for cash.

His father had been no godless man, but had taught him in his childhood the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed, and enjoined him strictly to the duty of prayer; but, since then, Myconius had spent some years under other influences, "so that I remained in doubt whether I should believe my dear father, or the priests." the whole the priests had it; -but, nevertheless, this notion of their selling the remission of sins for money did still, to a certain extent, stick in the throat of Frederick Mecum, and, therefore, did these words, "Pauperibus gratis dentur, propter Deum," rejoice him greatly, and when, three days afterwards, it was proclaimed that the crucifix was to be taken down—and thus, as it were, the ladder to Heaven cut -he screwed up his courage to present himself to the priests, and declaring himself a sinner, and also poor, requested that an Indul-

gence might be given him—"propter Deum."

It was on the second day, about Vesper time, that I went to the house of Hans Flock, where strongly bound with iron. In a pulpit at the side stood the dealer, praising his goods and urging people to buy in the manner of other that I went to the house of Hans Flock, where that I went to the house of Hans Flock, where was Tetzel, and a great crowd of confessors and urging people to buy in the manner of other priests, and I spoke to them in the Latin tongue,

importunate tradesmen of the lower class in | and begged that, as I was poor, they would, according to the Pope's letter, grant me absolution of all my sins, without any reserve—ctiam nullo casu ato-and that gratis, and for God's sake; and that they would give me the same in writing (literas testimoniales). Then the priests wondered much at my Latin speech-for at that time it was a rare thing, especially in young lads—and they went into the next room, where was the Commissioner Tetzel, and showed him my desire, and begged him to give me the Indulgence. After they had talked a long time with him, they came back to me, and said, "Dear son, we have diligently made known your supplication to the Commissarius, and he would willingly grant it, but he cannot; and, if he would, the indulgence would be null and of no effect, for he has showed us that it stands plainly written in the Pope's letter that only those shall partake of the merciful Indulgences and treasures of the Church, and of the merits of Christ—'qui porricourten, and or the merits of Christ—'qui porti-gerent manum adjutricem'—who shall put out a helping hand—that is, give money." They spoke to me in the German tongue, for there was no one among them who could put three Latin words together.

Hereupon Myconius ventured to point to the statement on the bills—of absolution gratis to poor applicants, by the express command of the ad mandatum Domini Papæ proprium and the priests went back again to Tetzel, and endeavoured to persuade him to the bar-gain, on the ground that Myconius was a clever young fellow, and deserved encouragement; but they could not prevail with him, and returned once more to talk about the manum adjutricem. The sinful suppliant was, however, no less obstinate on his side. He begged that they would not, for the sake of a few halfpence, cut off from salvation one to whom God and the Pope were both inclined to show mercy; but the priests still stood out for some trifle of coin, however small. Would he not give even a penny? Myconius replied that he had not got a penny. A halfpenny then? No, he had not a farthing. The priests were sorely perplexed. Standing, as they did, in the position of shopmen to Commissarius Tetzel, what could they do? At last one of them bethought him of an expedient. He offered to give Myconius six pfennigs (value about one halfpenny) from his own private exchequer, but the troublesome penitent was not to be got rid of in that way. He replied that, if he had been minded to buy, he could have sold a book, and so provided himself with the means, but that he desired expressly to have the remission gratis, for God's sake, to whom and to Dominus the Pope, they must answer it-that they had refused him salvation for the sake of six pfennigs; and so, after a little more haggling, he went his way—minus the Indulgence, but comforting himself with the recollection of certain verses, that he had been in the habit of singing in the Church, wherein it was stated that God desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live," and that no mention was made of any

money payment as a necessary condition.

After this, one looks to find that the yoke of
Tetzel & Co. is broken once for all; but it is
far from this. Myconius went away in no hilarious or mocking mood, but in a most sad and sorrowful one-"quite dissolved and melted

away in tears."

And when I came to my lodging, I went to my chamber, and I took the crucifix, that always stood on the table, and put it on a bench, and fell down before it, on my knees, on the ground; and I can not describe how I felt them—the spirit of prayer and of grace which thou, my Lord God, didst pour

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he still believed that the way to do this was to enter a convent. He had heard much of the great sanctity and purity of the lives of the monks—how they served God, day and night, with fasting and prayer, and were kept from all the evil of the world—and as his wish to obtain the consent of his parents had been overruled by his spiritual advisers, and treated as a sinful looking back, after he had "ent his hand to the plough" the result was "put his hand to the plough," the result was that, "On the 11th of July, 1510, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Frederick Myconius parted with his friends with tears and blessings, at the gate of a Franciscan convent, and remained there till, some twelve years afterwards, its gates were burst open by the great sterm that was raging all over Germany."
We shall look with interest to the appear-

ance of M. Freytag's second volume.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of Charles I., 1628, 1629, preserved in the State Paper Department of Her Majesty's Public Record Office. Edited by John Bruce, Esq. (Longman & Co.)

In the Preface to this new volume of his 'Calendar,' Mr. Bruce dwells at some length on the contents of the vast mass of papers, now for the first time rendered easily accessible. The contents are not startling. With one exception,—the Examination of Ben Jonson on the charge of being the author of the lines on Felton,—there is no one paper now turned up which can be styled a revelation. But the inthe new, safe, and highly-coloured details of the whole. No volume yet published opens the door to more particulars of social and public life in the seventeenth century.

There are many details of a good man and good writer, who has recently been made the subject of inquiry. Mr. Bruce shall tell us what he has found about Archbishop Leigh-

"In the wide range of our biography and litera-ture few names are more attractive to thoughtful minds than that of Archbishop Leighton. The virtues of his life add emphasis to the calm piety of his writings, and give a kind of authority to the boundless charity and wise moderation of his theological opinions. Leighton belonged as an Arch-bishop to a period subsequent to that which is here treated of. In 1628 and 1629 he was merely Robert treated of in 1202 and 1202 he was interly Koden Leighton, a lad receiving education at the Univer-sity of Edinburgh. The misfortunes of his family threw several of his letters written to his parents at that time into the hands of the future Archbishop Laud, and thus undesignedly preserved them for our use. They exhibit a boyhood of a most delight ful kind,—eminently affectionate, deeply imbued with religious sentiments, but not at all devoid of youthful frolic. A noticeable proof of the lastmentioned quality occurs in one of the letters here calendared. Leighton had fallen into trouble at school. His father, naturally anxious for the credit of a sen who was so far removed from parental superintendence, had called upon him for an explanation, and the boy gives it in the letter alluded to with ingenuous simplicity. He narrates, that, in consequence of a contest between his class and 'the semies,' the Provost had restrained the boys from their accustomed play. The angry magistrate their accustomed play. The angry magnitrate chanced to be conspicuous in his generation for a rubicund nose, and the boys revenged themselves for the loss of their golf or hockey, by making verses on the Provost's distinguishing feature. Leighton, hearing of these verses, 'spoke,' he says, 'a thing in prose' concerning this subject, not out of spite for wanting the play, neither from having taken notice of the Provost's nose, but merely out of the report of his follow-students for 'I never.' of the report of his fellow-students, for 'I never,' he remarks, 'saw [the Provost] before, but once, neither thought I him to be a man of great state. This I spoke of his name, and presently, upon their

'That which his name imports is falsely said,
That of the oaken wood his head is made;—
For why? If it had been composed so,
His flaming nose had fired it long ago.'

He goes on to mention certain Verses of Apology for these terse and witty lines, which have unfor-tunately not been found. The college authorities, tunately not been found. The college authorities, he tells his father, in all simplicity, considered his production 'not so heinous a thing' as he himself did justly think it. 'Pray for me,' he continues, 'as I know you do, that the Lord may keep me from like falls.'"

The Examination of Ben Jonson we have already printed in these columns. Mr. Bruce here gives it with a commentary of his own, the general moderation and justice of which we admit and admire. Ben was neither a wise nor a good man, but he had those rollicking, masculine qualities, with which a robust frame and a strong intellect is sure to sympathize. like him with all his faults. Two or three minor illustrations of literary history we may

draw from Mr. Bruce's Preface :-

"A momentary glimpse at 'the Tuscan artist who, from the top of Fiesole or Val d'Arno,' applied to the moon his optic glass, 'to descry new lands, rivers, or mountains in her spotty globe,' reads almost like a direct illustration of 'Paradise Lost.' almost fike a direct illustration of Paramise Lost. Boswell, afterwards Sir William Boswell, and a well-known diplomatist, had lately accompanied the Earl of Carlisle on a mission to Northern Italy. He thus became acquainted with the fame of Galileo, and is now brought before us as one of the Galileo, and is now brought before us as one of the first Englishmen, if not the very first, who scientifically appreciated the studies of the Italian philosopher, and had the honour of being personally known to him. Lord Doneaster, son of the Earl of Carlisle, being at Florence, Boswell inclosed to the young Lord's tutor, Mr. James Traill, a letter addressed to Galileo, containing a request for copies of some of his works. At the same time Boswell wrote to John Spelman, son of Sir Henry Spelman, who was in Lord Doneaster's suite, to procure for him all works of Galileo published after a certain time. Galileo had at this time been released from his first imprisonment at the instance of the Inquisition, and Traill's report is that he remained retired in the country above 30 miles from Florence. The distance was thought too great for Traill personally to deliver the letter, but he undertook to have it conveyed to him inclosed in another, and sonany to denver the letter, but ne undertook to have it conveyed to him inclosed in another, and to make such arrangements that if Galileo had any of these you desire,' Traill should have them sent to him. Spelman's answer to his commission was, that he had met with one book of Galileo's vas, that he had met with one book of Game's published since the prescribed date, and entitled 'Il Sagiatore.' He had also met with a work written by one that honoured Galileo much, and which had been privately printed and given away by the author; the subject being the 'Measurement of Running Water.' Spelman had secured both of Running Water.' Spelman had secured both these little works, and purposed to send them by the first messenger. Edmund Bolton, immersed to the lips in poverty and distress, will be found, still urging upon the Duke of Buckingham the project of an Academy of Honour, in bitter tones of remonstrance and disappointment. He fortifies his application with the following pleasant little room by Sir John Reaumont author of Bosworth poem by Sir John Beaumont, author of 'Bosworth Field,' and elder brother of the dramatist:—

Field, and elder brother of the dramatist:—

'To my Lord the Duke of Buckingham, touching the Academ of Honour.

My Lord, the heart that loves you must have leave Some splendour from your glory to receive, My soul with gladness shines when I behold Your worthy praise in beauteous works enrolled; When learned tougues you their Mecenas name; By which brave style your office is the same Which is from parents to their children due;—You cherish them who shall eternize you. I much admire the subject which my friend Hath chose for you, and know you will extend Your wings upon his work, so fair, so sweet, Where perfect Learning and true Honour meet, Whose loving hands in mutual concord gripe, For you are Learning's Patron, Honour's Type.

John Bradmont.

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No. 59, in Vol. c., is a recommendation, by Bishop Davenant, of his near kinsman, 'a young gentleman,' Mr. William Davenant, who had been

request, turned it into a verse, thus:—his name is consistent with what has been told us is not quite consistent with what has been told us of the early life of the poet to suppose that this was he, but our information on this subject is so uncertification. tain that the reference is worthy of attention. Another branch of literary illustration is the favour bestowed on learned foreigners. Gerard Vossius was made a denizen, and received a prebend in Canterbury Cathedral, whilst John Vossius, one of his sons, was strongly recommended to Jesus College, Cambridge, it might almost be said forced upon the College for a fellowship. Entries under the names of Meric Cassaubon and Sir Francis Biondi are of the same character."

The following additional note is curious:-"Abraham Darcie, known as the translator of the 'Annales of Queen Elizabeth,' and the author of other works, some of them poetical, in commendation of various noble persons and families, desired to add the Duke of Buckingham to the list of worthies whom he commemorated, but failed in obtaining a licence on two very curious grounds. They are set forth in a letter of Bishop Laud; and in the Bishop's own words, were, first, because he 'suspected the countenance and other deportments of him that brought the papers'—Abraham himself; and, secondly, because the handwriting of Sec. Conway to a recommendation which he had given to Darcie was 'so fairly written.' What may have been the weight of suspicion attaching to the countenance of Darcie does not appear, but all who are acquainted with Conway's hand will feel that, if anything more than his signature was easily legible, anything more than his signature was casaly regions, the Bishop was clearly justifiable in his suspicions on that head. When Conway was first appointed Secretary, King James is said to have remarked, that Steenie had given him a Secretary who could that Science and given him a Science with condu-not write, and even his own clerks were frequently unable to decipher his hieroglyphical scrawling. Several papers exist in the State Paper Office which his clerks contented themselves with simply indorsing as 'In my Lord's own hand,' without any attempt at stating their contents."

The 'Calendar' is well put together, and, like its predecessors, has a good Index of names and places.

That's It; or, Plain Teaching. By the Author of 'The Reason Why: General Science,' Illustrated by Wood Engravings.—The Reason Why: Natural History. By the Author of 'The Biblical Reason Why.' (Houlston &

CERTAIN cloudy German philosophers have been charged with uttering the Everlasting No. We have here an English philosopher, who pronounces the Everlasting Yes. Most who pronounces the Everlasting Yes. Most of us have met, in the social circle, with some pertinacious talker, who, with his firm words, cuts his way through every difficulty, and draws forth his dagger for every Gordian knot. The easy audacity of such men is astonishing, and, before their loud self-assertiveness, the modest truth-seeker retires, discouraged and discomfited. You, perhaps, have been silently reflecting upon some puzzling phenomenon for months or years, and are still unfurnished with months or years, and are still unfurnished with a satisfactory solution, when up starts the all-solving, self-satisfied Plain Teacher, with an obviously absurd explanation, having delivered himself of which, he emphatically adds, "That's it," and woe be to the man who shall presume to say, "Is it?" Now, what the self-satisfied self-assertor, and universal ready 'Reason Why' gentleman is in society, the anonymous compiler of the two books before us is in Literature and Natural History. fore us is in Literature and Natural History. He has his merit, but it is not modesty; he reads and marks, but not so much for inward digestion as for immediate extraction: he is a poet, and sings, "I would I were a wave," yet, were he wave, he would only be—

"Of countless myriads a single, nameless on By Fate's capricious breath for ever lost;"

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"And yet a simple wave hath a high part ordained,— From earth to heaven its dewy drops exhale; And when the aërial throne its wings have gained, They ride in cooling showers before the gale."

The would-be wave is careful to inform us

that this poetry is original.

Learned ecclesiastics, of a particular creed, have loudly bemoaned their fate in being born in an age of doubt. They have graphically de-picted the ages of faith, and have lauded the possessors of faith in the highest terms. Here is the very man for them. He has no doubts whatever; he is Faith personified, Faith pro-nounced. He is a sure convert to his own responses. He is the literary counterpart of a German visitor to our country, who had but one word of English, and that was "YES whatever was said to him, whether by way of welcome or warning, his smiling reply was "Yes." Instead of styling himself the Plain Teacher, our anonymous scribe should call himself the Great Demonstrative, — for, has he not, in golden letters, and amidst a profusion of gilded symbols, declared upon the very outside of his book-'That's It'?

Of course, there is only one way in which a man can arrive at such demonstrativeness, even though he may have sprung from that race which Horace styles, "Audax Iapeti genus," and that is by bold and persevering compilation. Some may think such wholesale appropriation honest; others would proceed with Horace's

words, and add :-

Ignem fraude mala gentibus intulit.

If the course pursued be fair and honest, then the practice is facile enough. Some eighty and odd authorities are named and acknowledged in one page, and all the others are constructed out of them. The motto on the title-page commences thus:-"We proceed here by the inductive process, taking nothing on trust, nothing for granted." Surely this is meant ironically, and the Plain Teaching would be in these words:—"We proceed here by the abstractive process, taking everything on trust, and everything for granted." No wonder that this demonstrative pronouncer can speak as he does. If, when he affirms "That's it," you demur, or deny, and exclaim "That's not it," he has you at once, though you have not him
—but his great authority. One of the eighty
whom he summons to his defence stands forth with a name and a fame, which shall make you doubt your own doubt, and compel you, the ecclesiastical authorities of old compelled Galileo, to say "That's it" in spite of yourself. You would also be under this further disadvantage if you should indulge a doubt,—you would be ignorant which of the eighty you had to fight with, because a general acknowledgment discharges all particular obligations. You might not pin your faith to Wesley's 'Compendium of Natural Philosophy,' and you might consider Derham a little out of date, but then, perhaps, the Plain Teacher might stand up with Owen or Yarrell when you had only expected one of his much-commended friends, Partington, or Paley, or Derham. To deprive you of the possibility of assailing him in this way, the list of authorities does not appear in 'That's It,' but only in 'The Reason Why.' To fight with shadows is folly; to fight with eighty giants is madness.

It may appear very presumptuous and inexcusably rash in us if, without the fear of the eighty before our eyes we hold to a doubt or two, and cannot echo "That's It" to the following description of the Dodo:-

But, once again he would be a wave, when he more like a feathered reptile than a member of the active winged tribes. It is a native of the Mauritius, but is a rare species. Its mandibles are large and crooked, head large, and neck thick and long. It may be said to occupy the same position among birds that the sloth does among quadrupeds.

> Which of the eighty vouches for the accuracy of these sentences we should be curious to So far is the Dodo from now being a learn. bird of the Mauritius that it is well known to be utterly extinct, and we have only evidence of its existence in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Considering, too, that a head and foot of one individual at Oxford, and the foot of another in the British Museum, are about all the undoubted remains we have of this bird, the Plain Teacher is a little imaginative in "looking at its heavy form and sluggish manner," and possibly he draws upon his imagination for his facts when he speaks of the "position" which "it may be said to occupy among birds." One foot does certainly "occupy a position" amongst stuffed birds in the Museum-and that is all. His manner of expression would certainly give rise to the idea that he had beheld this bird with his own eyes, and described it from the life; whereas it was first seen by the Dutch more than 200 years ago, and was not certainly observed alive by Englishmen-unless the bird exhibited in London in 1638 was a Dodo. The remains of the last known specimen rotted in the Ashmolean Museum, and were cast out of it January the 8th, 1755. Who could suppose from the quoted passage that it is simply a description of a picture in the British Museum ?—and who that has looked at the picture itself would liken the Dodo to "a feathered reptile"?

People who are so pertinaciously positive as our compiler provoke negatives. Only one other, however, shall escape us. Turning from birds to fishes, we read of the "Ganoidea, of which most of the examples are fossiliferous, there being but few living species;" and then we are told "This arrangement combines the systems of Cuvier and Agassiz, as blended by Müller." A fossiliferous ganoid would indeed be a marvellous creature-a fossil fish giving birth to fossils! Which of the eighty so taught the Plain Teacher? Amongst "the one thousand wood engravings" why not give us one of that unquestionably greatest curiosity—the fossiliferous ganoid? Why not depict it so vividly that we

may be able to say "That's It"?

The Reason Why' is not less positive, although it assumes the form of replies to a quantum state of the state merely an increased interest, but a new application to the science of Natural History." Such a new application it certainly does give, as the following questions amongst others testify:— "Why is it said that pigs 'cut their throats' when swimming?" The Plain Teacher replies, "Because they are bad swimmers," &c. A much better reason why, we think, is this—"Because they have ceased to be sucking pigs." Another question or two, for replies to which we have no space, must demonstrate the "new we have no space, must usual application of the science."—"Why has a cock a streaming and elegant tail?"—"Why have hope thick muscular necks?"—"Why is a cat hogs thick muscular necks?"—"Why is a cat said to have nine lives?"—"Why do some persons squint?"—"Why is a person shifting from one party or from one cause to another said to be ratting?"-" What gave rise to the saying of 'Stinking like a polecat'?"

At the end of this volume "the author finds himself reluctantly compelled to omit the various orders comprising the division Mollusca." Then

mised 'Geological Reason Why.' Are the living dodo and the fossiliferous ganoid specimens

Undercurrents Overlooked. By the Author of 'Flemish Interiors.' 2 vols. (Bentley.)

The Missing Link; or, Bible Women in the Homes of the London Poor. By L. N. R. (Nisbet.)

THE title of 'Undercurrents Overlooked' is antithetical, but it is not true; the "undercurrents" which exist beneath our civilization are every day becoming more inquired after and looked into. That "the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" is still unhappily true—the world still "lies in wickedness." Want, disease, misery, are a rank undergrowth around the roots of our social life; but these things are not unknown, nor overlooked, nor consented to; the protest against them becomes every day more earnest, the grapple with social evils and difficulties grows every day more energetic, and the grip laid on them firmer and more purposelike. We are quite aware that although "much is done, yet more remains to do"; but we are trying to do it. The little unpretending book which stands second at the head of our article, 'The Missing Link,' is one record of the steady, quiet, continuous effort that is going on silently beneath the surface to

"overcome evil with good." 'Undercurrents Overlooked' is written by an author with a strong Roman Catholic bias. There is nothing new in the English facts brought forward, nor anything but what was previously well known to all inquiring friends in the statistics; but the whole purpose and gist of the work is to set forth exceptional cases of want, vice, misery, and police reports, as though they were the rule in England,—as though no effort were made to cope with them. They are all traced out and tacitly imputed to the natural working of Protestantism, -our Poor Laws are represented as the bitter fruit of a political economy which hates both poverty and the poor, instead of loving the poor and thinking almsgiving a virtue like the Catholic Church. Our hospitals are con-trasted with those in Catholic countries, and our hired hospital nurses with the Saurs de Charité, who adopt the vocation from the highest motive which can actuate human beings. That our hospital nurses, as a class, are not what they ought to be is a grievous fact, neither overlooked nor thought lightly of; and it is not a fact that little boys in England are encouraged to throw stones at Sœurs de Charité when they pass along the streets, But not only is the misery in the workhouses, as recorded in certain police reports (which are here brought up as specimen bricks of that portion of our English social edifice), all the malpractices in lunatic asylums, from those discovered in the earliest commission of inquiry to those which have survived to the present time, - and even an increase of lunacy itself is ascribed in great measure to the working of Protestantism in religion. The steady aim and object of 'Undercurrents Overlooked' is to make the reader accept the inference that Catholic institutions are better managed than Protestant ones-owing to the religious influence exercised by the good priests who are the directors, promoters and inspirers of every good work. The average morality of the lower orders in Paris, as compared with London, is represented as greatly in favour of the Parisians, — their low theatres, the "Funambules," the Lazari, "The Dodo is a bird of a very different nature, conchologists may breathe freely again, but low theatres, the "Funamoules, the Lazani, looking, from its heavy form and sluggish manner, geologists must resign themselves to the pro-

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Parnasse, which exists near the Barrière of that | hours a day to "visiting the poor." name, a star of the smallest magnitude, unknown except to its frequenters and the police, are spoken of pleasantly and tenderly, as though the airs and zephyrs of Arcadian simplicity breathed over the audience and inspired the plays. The Guinguettes and the Bastringues of the Rue du Mont Parnasse are thus pleasantly described :-

"If we were to follow the Rue Mont Parnasse from the Barrière, perhaps the most frequented by the lowest class, for nearly half a mile, we might rightly imagine ourselves in the midst of some annual fair. Illuminated windows at every story on either side,—movement and bustle within, parties seated under trees before the doors, drinking and joking on the ground-floors, billiard and eating tables busily occupied,-the road filled with crowds of working men and women, coming and going, meeting and standing in groups, inviting one another into the guest houses by which they one another into the guess houses by which they are surrounded,—open shops for the sale of pastry, movement, life, activity, gaiety, everywhere voices, shouts of laughter, tinkling of bells, music on every conceivable instrument filling the ears with a ceaseless hum, accompanied by a ceaseless jingle. * * In winter a large ball-room within doors supplies the place of the Asphalte area with-out, and the festivities reach the highest point of excitement about midnight. The elasticity with which the exercise is carried on is most inspiriting to witness, for it seldom happens that the drinking is carried to such excess as to disable the dancers from bounding through the figures like so many elastic balls, and performing the most original impromptu variations on the figures of the dance. All wear their working clothes; there is no attempt at decking and decorating their persons as in the Whitechapel routes, and we must admit that these entertainments look much more like bond fide amusement, and less like an opportunity created for the purpose of promoting vice, which is but too manifestly the case with the others."

This looks like a group of "happy peasantry" in a grand ballet, and we have only to remark that the "undercurrents" are overlooked. In the same tone is the parallel betwixt Sunday as it is kept in England and in Paris:—behind the scenes of the decorum and stiff English observance of the day; the surface only of the cheerful, holiday-making Parisian Sunday. The author speaks very tenderly of Sunday shop-keeping and Sunday traffic, extenuating and apologizing for the fact, as it exists in Paris, -although he describes similar scenes in the low parts of London, with just regret and displeasure that such things should be in a Christian land. The author is well up in all Catholic Societies in Paris for good works, which tend to improve and civilize the masses, and we rejoice to learn how much good leaven there is at work. There is, especially, an in-teresting notice of the "Œuvre de Dimanche," a society set on foot about ten years ago in Paris, to induce a right observance of the Sabbath. But the difference of tone in which the "Œuvre de Dimanche" and the "Society for the Better Observance of the Lord's Day are mentioned, is as remarkable as it is unpleasant—both societies having precisely the same object. It takes away all the value of a work, which professes to deal with social difficulties, to find that the author is a religious partisan, who cannot see and judge of the facts he has to deal with, except through a coloured medium.

'The Missing Link' contains much inter-

are as many grades in poverty as in riches, and she meant those who were even below herself in the microscopic scale. Her letter, which has every appearance of being genuine, thus simply states her idea of what was the thing most needed amongst the inhabitants of the "Undercurrents":

"During the time I was in the hospital I had frequent opportunities of witnessing the utterly friendless condition of many poor outcasts, who sought admission to its charity, the filthy plight of their clothing and persons proving their need of a female hand to rectify disorder. I wish to dedicate two or three hours a day, not to the decent poor, but to the lost and degraded of my own sex, -cleansing and washing her, and repairing her garments, and, if she can obtain admission to a hospital, I will, by frequent visits, always take care she has a change of linen, and in all ways try to win her back to virtue and peace."

The woman, who made this offer of herself, earned her own living by cutting fire-grate papers and making bags for silversmiths. She had been left at sixteen an orphan, with a young sister, in the very lowest deep of the misery of a low lodging-house in St. Giles's. An old man, "an atheist," who lived in the same house, took care of them, and taught Marian to read and write, though he bade her never to read the Bible, "as she had only to look round St. Giles's to see there was no God!" However, she did borrow a Bible, and read it. She had married very young, and always kept herself decent; she and her husband were "just able to live," and that was all, but she had an "idea," and she acted on it. She knew that she could gain access into dens where no City Missionary could venture, and where even a policeman would not go alone, and she wrote her letter to a City Missionary, who had visited her when ill in a hospital. Her offer was accepted, though in a way different from what she proposed,—she was asked to become an agent for the Bible Society, to sell Bibles amongst this class, she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some an agent for the Bible she was asked to be some asked to b class; about as unpromising and Quixotic a notion, one would have thought, as could well enter into the crotchetty brain of a philanthropist. The result, however, has proved it to be a stroke of genius, instead of a touch of folly. How the day of small things has gone on brightening, and the point of light growing gradually brighter and broader in the dense darkness around, may be read in 'The Miss-ing Link.' The success of the first attempt induced the Society to send forth other messengers, similarly qualified, to districts equally wretched and equally impenetrable to ordinary visitors. The worst dens in Limehouse, Shad-well, Whitechapel, have now their visitors; and though the change as yet effected is small, when compared with what remains to be done, still that little good contains the principle of growth.

Corayda: a Tale of Faith and Chivalry; and other Poems. By Ernest Jones. (Kent &

Chartist politics have not silenced in Mr. Jones the desire to escape into the domains of verse from time to time, and to treat themes more fanciful than those of which he is the professed,—not to say professional,—advocate. There is something pleasant and humanizing in the idea of such a pursuit, indulged by one thus occupied, which speaks kindly to our sympathies. Ver it must not be 'The Missing Link' contains much interesting information about the people and places mentioned in 'Undercurrents.' The beginning was a very small one. A City Missionary, one day in the summer of 1857, 'Corayda,' set forth as "a Tale of Faith and lived in the worst part of St. Giles's, expressing a desire to be allowed to give three

something loose, unsatisfactory, and inartistic in the fashionable humour of making up a whole out of dissimilar fragments. The plan is the resource of weakness, or want of patience. Hundreds of versifiers could produce passable imi-tations of 'Maud,' not one of whom could carry through a feeble copy of Crabbe's 'Ruth' or 'Patron.' Success, such as even our Laureate's, does not establish the goodness of a style; and our minor artists are roaming too far in the direction of Licence—at a long distance behind his standard. In translation Mr. E. Jones is not without success, as witness the following lyric, 'Revolution' after a poem by Herr Freiligrath:-

And though ye caught your noble prey within your hang-men's sordid thrall, And though your captive was led forth beneath your city's rampart-wall; And though the grass lies o'er her green, and, at the morn-ing's early red

And though the grass lies o'er her green, and, at the morning's early red,
The peasent-girl brings funeral wreaths—I tell you still,
she is not dead.
And though from off the lofty brow ye cut the ringlets
flowing long;
And though ye mated her amid the thieves and murderers'
hideous throng:

hideous throng; And the three-bade felon garb her livery be;
And though ye gave her felon fare—bade felon garb her livery be;
And though ye set the oakum task.—I tell you all, she still is fre!

And though, compelled to banishment, you hunt her down through endless lands;
And though she seeks a foreign hearth, and silent 'mid its

And though she seeks a foreign hearth, and shent mid its ashes stands;
And though she bathes her wounded feet where foreign streams seek foreign seas,
Yet—yet she never more will hang her harp on Babel's willow trees.
O no! she strikes its every string, and bids their loud defi-

Ono! she strikes its every string, and bias their loud defi-ance swell;

And as she mocked your scaffold erst, she mocks your banishment as well.

She sings a song that starts, you up astounded from your slumbrous seats,

Until your heart—your craven heart—your traitor heart— with terror beats.

No song of plaint—no song of sighs for those who perished unsubdued.

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Nor yet a note of irony at wrong's fantastic interlude—
The beggar's opera, that ye try to drag out through its
lingering scenes,
Though moth-eaten the purple be that decks your tinsel
kings and queens.

O no! the song those waters hear is not of sorrow nor dismay—
'Tis triumph song—victorious song—the prean of the future's

The future-distant now no more-her prophet-voice is

The future—distant now no more—ner prophervoice sounding free,
sounding free,
As well as once your Godhead spake:—I was, I am, and I will be,—and lead the nations on the last of all your hosts to meet;
And on your neeks, your heads, your crowns, I'll plant my strong, resistless feet.
A liberator, judge, avenger, battle on my pathway hurled, I stretch forth my almighty arm, till it revivifies the world. Ye see me only in your cells; ye see me only in the grave; Ye see me only wandering lone beside the exile's sullen

wave.
Ye fools! do I not also live where you have tried to pierce

in vain?

Rests not a nook for me to dwell in every heart and every brain?

In every brow that boldly thinks, erect with manhood's

honest pride,
Does not each bosom shelter me, that beats with honour's
generous tide?

generous tide? Not every workshop, brooding woe; not every hut that harbours grief— Ha! am I not the breath of life, that pants and struggles for relief?

Some force, it is possible, may have been given to the above by the heart of the writer, being earnestly, not dramatically, embarked in its subject. The version by Mr. Jones of Schiller's 'Diver' (how often attempted!) is far less fluent and nervous. Here is a verse from a poem in another mood, 'Percy Vere,' which shows a more plaintive humour, almost rising into fantastic and melancholy poetry :-

It was a day of autumn weather,
The sleeting mists clung low together,
And heavy clouds of leaden hue
Strangled the wolfish winds, that blew
The sere leaves from the branches bare,
And sent them on the shadowed air,
Like tiny biers to bear away
The summer fairies, dead as they.

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Fr. Rogeri Bacon Opera quadam hactenus inedita. Vol. I. Containing, I. Opus Tertium; II. Opus Minus; III. Compendium Philosophia. Edited by J. S. Brewer, M.A. (Longman &

This is one of the volumes which are published as materials for English history, by authority of the Treasury, under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. It is an admission that the intellectual life of a country is part and parcel of its history: and so it is; by far the most important part, and ultimately, perhaps, the largest parcel. One generation has made a great change in the relations of our government to knowledge. A generation is about the third part of a century. A little more than this time
—say forty odd years—has elapsed since a minister told a deputation of men of learning and science that the Government "did not care twopence for all the science in the country" as we have heard from those who were present. The ministry of our day has spent a most alarming number of twopences—how many more than thirty thousand we cannot guess—in editing the science of an old monk who has been in his grave nearly six hundred years; and we think it wisely done. We even go so far as to say, that equal wisdom might be shown in reprinting books as in printing from inedited manuscripts. There are works which have not been printed for centuries, and which illustrate our history as strongly as the manuscripts of Roger Bacon; and this in more ways than one. The state of knowledge is illustrated, of course; and so is the growth of national character, and the question how far our present national character is formed, how far it belonged to our early days.

We are accustomed, when we speak of ourselves, to do unblushing justice to our own practical habits and our common-sense notions. It is, however, due to ourselves to add that we can produce hundreds of such attestations as the following from foreigners. A French writer of 1848, Dr. Gouraud, in a tract on scientific history, bears witness in our favour in the following neat epigrams:-"Les Anglais sont, comme on sait, les premiers hommes de l'univers pour passer des idées aux faits et traduire les théories en institutions. Aucun peuple ne les a jamais précédés dans cette carrière, et ils y ont toujours donné l'exemple à tous les autres. Ce sont les hommes d'affaires du monde."

Roger Bacon was a marked instance of the character now attributed to our countrymen. He is pre-eminently the common-sense philosopher of the middle ages in England. It is his office to know good matter from rubbish, and to take the imaginable side, if there be one, of the otherwise inconceivable. Is he the only one of this class? Does he merely foreshadow the lineaments of an unborn posterity; or is he but a specimen-of high development indeed, but still a specimen-of an existing type of mankind? He comes, in point of time, between two men who, though not of his own popular celebrity, are often quoted by the writer whose studies lead him back to the period; we mean, John of Salisbury and William Occam. The plain sense of all three is conspicuous in times when learning was too apt to be deficient in that quality; and the three names might be cited as those of Englishmen of the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth centuries, who prove the virtues on which we of the nineteenth century compliment ourselves to have been in action, and capable of winning renown, at

ample proof of our assertion.

Roger Bacon is pre-eminently the mathema-tical philosopher of the middle ages; we mean, the man who saw that progress in knowledge of physics must depend upon the application of mathematics to the complex phenomena of nature. His great namesake had no such idea, but rather considered the exact sciences to be well enough in their way, but that way not his way. And the consequence is that, looking at the actual methods which have proved successful in physical investigation, we find them more nearly foreshadowed by the friar than by the lawyer.

Francis Bacon objected to making the sciences subservient to mathematics, and above all others, astronomy! Roger Bacon, though we can hardly follow him so far as to put music and dancing among the mathematical sciences, speaks as follows:

"Et ideo post linguarum necessitatem pono ma thematicam esse in secundo loco necessariam, ad hoc ut sciamus quæ scienda sunt ; quæ non est nota nobis per naturam; sed tamen est prope cognitionem naturalem inter omnes scientias quas scimus per inventionem et doctrinam. Quapropter oportet quod sit facilis scientia, et quasi innata, vel prope cognitionem. Atque propter hoc sequitur quod est prima scientiarum sine quibus aliæ sciri non possunt."

And so it has turned out. The impulse given to knowledge by the invention of printing acted with immense force upon the pure mathematics during a century and a half. A great mathematician divined the true theory of the universe on geometrical grounds, though every presumption of physics, as then understood, was against him. He was followed, at a long distance of time, by those who brought me-chanics under the dominion of geometry. And so it has gone on, until the mathematical habit got beyond the science itself, and created further sciences, themselves to be afterwards also cultivated by mathematics itself.

Suppose a person purposely kept ignorant of history were to be deeply educated in physics as it stands, and then introduced to the writings of the two Bacons; to Roger, teaching that all knowledge of natural laws must be sought by aid of mathematics applied to observation; and to Francis, laying it down that nothing is to be done, least of all by mathematics, until all practicable observation has been made. What must this person conclude if he were told that the mass, even of experimentalists, look up to Francis as their chief, and think little of Roger? He would be strongly inclined to suspect that a confusion had taken place; that the general run of physical inquirers knew little of history he would be right enough there-and had confounded Francis Bacon with Roger, either because Roger was a Franciscan or because Fr. has been taken for Francis instead of Frater.

The Opus Majus of Roger Bacon, as is well known, was published by Dr. Jebb in 1733. The Opus Minus and the Opus Tertium, the explanations, amplifications, or supplements, of the first, have hitherto been known, except to the manuscript reader, only by extract. They are, as is now seen, interesting accessions to what has been already published: but it must be a minute account of Roger Bacon's opinions which has occasion to take separate note of these writings; and a more minute account than we could find room for. We shall proceed to speak of the edition before us.

It is preceded by a critical account and a biography. Mr. Brewer has made many ob-servations which we should like to discuss, if we had space. With all his learning and his

very early periods of our national existence. care—for which we give him every credit, A reprint of the works of all three would give there are several points in which we think there are several points in which we think him open to assault. He wants the precision of reference which distinguishes the true editor. For example, he tells us that certain statements about music are in chapters 59 and 60 of the Opus Tertium: he ought to have told us in what pages of his edition. Between these two references comes the statement that Bacon objects to falsetto: to which is added, as a note, "His own word." Here should have been given a reference to the page. We have cast a running eye on chapters 59 and 60, without finding the word, being rather curious to judge what Bacon could mean by falsetto. Surely an editor who produces what looks like a modern Italian term of music in a monk of the thirteenth century, may be expected to cite the

Page.
We are rather at issue with Mr. Brewer about a point of importance connected with the Opus Minus. Of this work he has found but one manuscript, and that an imperfect one. The heading is lost, and it is only by evidence, internal and external, that the fragment can be called a portion of the Opus Minus. We have no doubt that Mr. Brewer is right in this conclusion. But Dr. Jebb distinctly affirms that Bacon re-cast, corrected, and augmented this work-incudi reddidit, pluribus auxit et emendavit—as any one may see, he proceeds to say, who inspects the Cotton manuscript, Opus Minus, cap. 1. MS. Cot. Tib. C. v. f. 121. Thus it appears that Jebb saw in the Cottonian library, before 1733, a manuscript which he describes as headed Opus Minus. Mr. Brewer, finding no such MS. in the Cottonian library now at the Museum, but finding there the Compendium Studii, asserts that this Compendium Studii was mistaken by Dr. Jebb for an enlarged edition of the Opus Minus. Dr. Jebb affirms that there is a "mutilum sane et imperfectum" copy of the Opus Minus: Mr. Brewer finds an "imperfect but not mutilated" Compendium Studii, and pronounces that it is "obvious" that Dr. Jebb has been looking at a manuscript described as Compendium Studii, and has described it himself as having the title Opus Minus. This will not do: Dr. Jebb is described by Mr. Brewer himself, and truly, as learned, laborious, disinterested, zealous, and indefatigable. We cannot receive it as "obvious" that he deceived himself as above, without much stronger evidence than a certain manuscript being not now to be found in the Cottonian collection. Do all manuscript libraries remain entire? Is there never a theft? never a conflagration? The Cotton library was on fire fourteen months before Dr. Jebb dated his preface, and a tolerable number of manu-scripts were burnt. If Dr. Jebb consulted the library, as is most likely, more than fourteen months before he finished his printing, he might there see scores of manuscripts which afterwards fed the flames. Mr. Brewer knows of this fire, for he alludes to it on another occasion. Speaking of this very Opus Minus he says, "Yet to all appearance another copy existed in Wood's time. See p. xcviii. It may have perished in the Cotton fire." Of course it may: to which we add, that Dr. Jebb may have seen it there before the fire, and may have found it to have been re-cast, augmented, and corrected. And, seeing that Dr. Jebb distinctly states that such a manuscript was in the library, we fully

This mode of dealing with Dr. Jebb obliges us to look with caution upon the corrections which Mr. Brewer professes to make in the bibliographical accounts of Bacon. Time may prove him right in many or most of them: but they must pass, for the present, as the assertions

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of an editor who is rash in some things, and may be rash in all. The text appears to have been very well looked to; and this is a great point: indeed, it is the only point of essential import. Too great praise cannot be given to Mr. Brewer for his care under this head of text. Moreover, the historical additions and comments are highly suggestive, and will certainly provoke attention and lead to good result

Narrative of the Mutinies in Oude. Compiled from Authentic Records, by Capt. G. Hut-chinson, Bengal Engineers, Military Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Oude. Published by Authority. (Smith, Elder & Co.) This 'Narrative' purposes to have been compiled under the direction of Mr. R. Montgomery, late Chief Commissioner of Oudh, with the concurrence of Government. We have, therefore, the most unexceptionable guarantee for the truth of its details. Further, the compiler, Capt. Hutchinson, himself an actor in the scenes he describes, assures us that, "the utmost care and research have been taken to draw from all sources any information tending to throw light on the deeds and sufferings of our countrymen and women during that eventful period." So far this is satisfactory; and we may accept the book as a truthful account of events, which have such a natural pathos in them that no frigidity of style, no words, however dull, can deprive them of it. Nevertheless, it is a great pity that the com-piler did not hand over his 'Narrative' to piler did not hand over his 'Narrative' to some practised writer to put the finishing touches to it. At present it is the roughest bit of material that ever passed into the hands and under the eyes of a fastidious public. Some people, indeed, have been pleased to say that the lowest grade of composition is a Royal Speech. We now find below that depth one deeper still. In fact, scarcely a single sentence of Capt. Hutchinson's own inditing is free from blunders. To take that quoted above as a specimen, and a very favourable specimen, too, of the whole volume,—who talks of taking research, or of information throwing of taking research, or of information throwing light, or of "countrymen and women," or speaks of "that eventful period," when no period whatever has been mentioned? Turn now from the Preface to the first page of the 'Narrative.' In the very first sentence you find the Mutiny spoken of as an infectious scourge, whose state must be considered before it swept over itself! A little further on we come to the Pásís, a sort of Oudhean Children of the Mist, who are thus described:—"Their habits are predatory, and they live considerably on the pigs they keep, and the game they hunt; possessing the lower characteristics of many savages, they, nevertheless, are proverbially true to trust, and have great bodily courage." These gentlemen, then, have happily solved that difficulty which is said to consist in eating a pudding and still retaining it. They live considerably on the very pigs which they nevertheless continue to keep. Nay, they do more, they support life on the game they hunt, and the silly suggestion about first catching your hare may henceforth be repudiated. Lastly, they have great bodily courage, whatever that may be. of the Mist, who are thus described:-"Their

whatever that may be.

This careless way of writing is bad enough even when the subject is a low one, but it becomes intolerable when higher matters are concerned. Take, for example, the following description of the massacre at Sitapur :-

"Mr. Christian, finding all were turning against him, walked deliberately down towards the river, preceded by his wife, with an infant in her arms, their other child being already across the river with

the nurse, or being taken across by Sergeant-Major Morton. It is not quite certain whether Mr. Christian had with Mrs. Christian reached the Christian had with Mrs. Christian reached the other side of the stream, or only reached the bank on this side; I think Lieutenant Lester, when in the Baillie Guard, told me he had seen Mr. Christian on the other side. If so, as evidence shows they were together, they had just crossed and that would be all, when Mr. Christian fell dead, pierced by many balls. Nobly had he braved the storm, nobly he died. His poor wife, from the evidence elicited, appears to have been a little in advance of him, and as he fell on his face, shot from behind by the traitors around his own shot from behind by the traitors around his own house, she had sat down beside him with the little house, she had sat down beside him with the little babe in her arms. At this moment the infernal din is portrayed as baffling all description, and yet a more exquisitely touching scene can hardly be conceived than the one before us. Her own house conceived than the one before us. Her own house behind her in flames, casting its lurid glare on the little stream betweem them, which, already copi-ously stained with the blood of her race, offered but a temporary obstacle to some 1,200 fiends, who, with an incessant yelling, shouting, firing, rained from their westers death and locally according rained from their muskets death on all around her; still, there sat that Christian mother with her babe, a little moment, unheeded and unheeding, for before her lay him dead. It was but a moment; the savages knew no mercy; in the full swing of passions unrestrained they found a lower depth amidst the lowest hell; all sexes were alike to them, and age brought no exemption-the infant and its mother were numbered with the dead."

We may note here that Capt. Hutchinson persistently mis-spells the name of one of the victims at Sitapur. Sir Mountstuart Jackson was called after the late Mountstuart Elphinwas called after the late Mountstuart Elphinstone, to whom, when Governor of Bombay, Sir Keith Jackson, Sir Mountstuart's father, had been aide-de-camp. Capt. Hutchinson, however, invariably writes the name Mountstewart. Of the native names sad work is stewart. Of the native names sad work is made. Thus one miscreant, who entreats that Sergeant-Major Busher may be given up to him, in order that he may burn him alive, figures as Bully Singh, while Rucknu'd daulah and Sharafu'd daulah are written Rookoon-ood Dowlah and Shurruffo Dowlah.

On the whole, we must pronounce the volume On the whole, we must pronounce the volume a failure, for the arrangement is but little better than the style. There is neither index nor table of contents, and the new facts must be looked for with a miscroscope, and that, too, of no ordinary power. Some literary blemishes may be excised, others cured, but for the distance of the content of the con order of this book there is nothing but the

NEW NOVELS.

The Cousins' Courtship. By John R. Wise. 2 vols. (Smith, Elder & Co.)—'The Cousins' Courtship' has every mark of being a first attempt at novel writing; and though there are marks of talent and ability to do much better things, yet the present work, if judged by what it actually is, without regard to future promise, must be pronounced a failure. The story melts away before the reader's eyes like those clouds at sunset which, from wearing the semblance of temples, palaces, and mountains, turn into a shapeless fog-bank of leaden-coloured mist.—'The Cousins' Courtship' begins canitally: the reader settles down comfortably into capitally; the reader settles down comfortably into the expectation of a good story. Reginald Neville, the hero, with whom the story sets out, is a sort of idealized Rajah Brooke; he has gone through adventures enough for all the Knights of the Round Table willed treather and whether the desired the state of the sta

tion; for they have been as interesting "characters" as any author or reader of a novel need wish to have. As Reginald Neville's body was not found, we were sanguine enough to hope that he might come again some day, but he never did; his wife was found on the sands the next day, 'every limb broken,' so there was quite an end of her; and the reader, thus bereaved of the first objects of and the reader, hous cereaved of the first objects of his interest, feels very sorry for himself, and rather sulky at being called on to turn his attention to Reginald Neville's son, a youth of fourteen. However, for his father's sake, we were at first disposed to feel kindly towards the young Reginald. Poor Captain Marryat's heroes of fourteen were inter-Captain Marryat's heroes of fourteen were interesting young Pickles, and went through their three volumes gallantly, carrying the reader's interest, and defying all the rules of probability with success. But young Reginald Neville only goes to live with a rich, tyrannical, Tory uncle—a retired colonel—who has married a very fine lady, and has sons and daughters of his own. The rest of the story becomes access of knolless threads which the reader comes a series of knotless threads, which the reader wearily pulls out one after the other. Young Reginald accepts his position as a poor relation, and with his father's blood in his veins, and an inherited love of adventure, stops at home dreaming his time away, because his uncle refuses to let him enter the Navy. He is educated as a clergyman, and not allowed to ride, or to drive, or to shoot, or to do any manly thing "unbecoming" his future destination. To be sure he saves his uncle's life when he is attacked by poachers, and he saves his cousin when she falls into the river, and he saves another aunt and another cousin from some situaanother aunt and another cousin from some situa-tion equally dangerous: indeed, the people he res-cues from perils and dangers would entitle him to one of the Humane Society's medals; but the author flags, and fairly breaks down in his attempts to create a hero with a career. Reginald and his for-tunes stagnate amongst relations who are "a little more than kin and less than kind." He is in love with a cousin. This courtship gives the title to the book, but it does not suit the reader to either interbook, but it does not stir the reader to either interest or anxiety. There are spirited passages of description, and incidents extremely well touched in, but they do not give life or animation to the story; indeed, the whole book seems to have been written not for the acts of processing the second of the seco written, not for the sake of narrating a story, but written, not for the sake of narrating a story, out to introduce isolated descriptions of scenery, and detached incidents of boating, hunting, cricket-playing, and also various phases of College life, which are individually well done and graphically which are individually well done and graphically described, but they are only tacked on to the story, which would be just as complete without them. There is an entire absence of all knowledge of human nature. With the exception of the father of the hero, who is drowned before he has occasion to develope his claims to the qualities imputed to him, all the rest of the characters, male and female, are so many lay-figures, draped after conventional models in conventional qualities, which are stuck upon them and do not grow indigenous; in no human beings do qualities show themselves in the crude and compendious form in which the author exhibits them. No young man who possessed the qualities ascribed to Reginald would have been content to "sit at home," not "in ease," certainly, for his position was uncomfortable enough, but to have remained under any circumstances whilst for his position was uncomfortable enough, but to have remained under any circumstances whilst there was his father's island lying in its distant sea. Even if he had accepted his position, and been what we confess Reginald was, a very model of a poor relation, still, after he had quarrelled with his uncle, and was left to shift for himself, no high-spirited, able-bodied young man would have gone and starved in a garret, pawned his clothes, and written worthless tales, whilst there were New Zealand, Australia, and all the colonies of a new Table rolled together: and when the story begins, he steps on the scene, having his deeds and achievements for a background, with the dignified grace and bearing of a North American Chief, combined with all the virtues of an Englishman. The reader at once takes him to his heart, and hopes to go through the book with him; but he is "too good to live," and at the end of thirty-seven pages, after he has married a charming woman, and become the father of a paragon of a son, he and his wife are both drowned, without the least provoca-

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cannot help thinking that he will find more congenial exercise for his faculties in other things—perhaps, on the whole, better worth doing.

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Nelly Carew. By Marguerite A. Power. 2 vols.

(Saunders & Otley.)—There is a good deal of interest in the first part of this story, which leads the reader on to hope for a good ending; but in that the author disappoints us, for the story goes off into vapid common-place in the last volume. We hoped better things from Nelly; she ought by all the laws which govern prophecy, to have turned out a charming heroine. There are graphic touches of description in the book, and traits of Irish life and character, which show that Miss Power can write pleasantly and observe keenly. Mdlle, Renouard, the French governess, is extremely well described in the beginning, though she afterwards degenerates into a character of the Porte St.-Martin melodrame. 'Nelly Carew' would have been better for being condensed into half its present space.

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Aggesden Vicarage; or, Bridget Storey's First Charge: a Tale for the Young. 2 vols. (Parker & Son.)—There is a great deal that is very nice in this story. The characters are pleasant and life-like; the conversations are good, and carried on in the real speech that human beings use in their conversation with each other; they are characteristic and individual, so that each personage in the story reveals himself and herself to the reader, which saves much labour of description. The Vicar of Aggesden has a few human infirmities, but he is a charming country clergyman. Mrs. Arnold, his wife, with her graceful indolent goodness and high breeding, is extremely well drawn—whilst the various boys and girls are genuine human children. 'Aggesden Vicarage' locks like a true history of a real country clergyman's family, where "high thinking" has to be reconciled with "plain living." As a story, the book is rather feeble—it is written on the model of Miss Sewell's and Miss Young's, but with less vigour, so far as the incidents go. We have, however, read it curselves with interest; and we have no doubt that they oung persons for whom it is professedly written will do the same, and we can promise them that they will find "things pleasant and things profitable," as old John Bunyan quaintly says.

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The Day of Small Things. By the Authoress of
'Mary Powell.' (Hall, Virtue & Co.)—This 'Day
of Small Things' is what its name imports. A
mild and not uninteresting chronicle of the very smallest small-beer of an invalid elderly lady's life who, confined to her sofa, in a small, pretty cot-tage, with a brusque maid and limited means, keeps a diary of the little incidents that befall her and her immediate neighbours. There is nothing like a consecutive story in it, and the book is made up of jottings from the books she reads, scraps of the conversations she hears and holds and little sketches of character very faintly coloured. The Authoress of 'Mary Powell' evidently takes so much pleasure in the inditing of her numerous booksthatsome of the pleasure is naturally imparted to the reader; but the reflex is so very mild that we cannot forbear saying once more (what we have before suggested) that she writes too much, and with too much facility, to allow her books to be of the quality she is quite capable of making themhalf would be so much "better than the 'The Day of Small Things,' despite the whole," gentle piety of its tone, is by far the weakest of the many productions of the authoress.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Gog and Magog: the Giants in Guildhall, their Real and Legendary History; with an Account of other Civic Giants at Home and Abroad. By F. W. Fairholt. With Illustrations by the Author. (Hotten.)—"Mistress Anne, there be bears in the town!" Here be the Giants!—On Gogmagog and Corineus, the two awful tenants of Guildhall, has Mr. Fairholt built as pleasant a little volume as was ever laid before John Bull, or any other grown John who, in his boyish days, was Jack the Giant-killer. The subject is what the Americans might style "a tall one," a theme full of peculiarity. Dwarfs, pigmies, Pucks, Kobolds, all such tiny people, have, by old allotment, been reputed as witty, exas-

perating, successful—owing to their keenness of brains. Big creatures (the Elephant excepted that Eastern fortress of strength and sagacity) have been no less traditionally held as dull in capacity. The monster *Polyphemus* was a mere idiot when matched against *Ulysses*, the traveller who could materied against *Otysses*, the travelier who could beat the Syrens,—when he thought it proper to put out the Big Man's one eye! The Middle-Age giants of Christendom, who took up the part of the Pagan *Cyclops* and other Titans that stalked over the earth in the days of Olympus and Erebus, were, by com mon creed, voted to be no less slow-witted than their progenitors.—In one old Gothic legend we shall hear how some sprightly Una (leaving out of the question Britomart) was able to extricate herself from the heavy thraldom of a Brobdignag tyrant;—in another how some male midge could sting the burly *Hippopotamus* to death.—Giants, it is notorious, are weak about the knees. biggest real one with whom we have made ac-quaintance was the porter of the ancient picturegallery at Munich: a seven-foot specimen, top-pling to pieces beneath the weight of his cockedhat, and above the prop of his top-boots—civil, melancholy, and altogether as devoid of an idea as giants should be.—The next tallest man remembered was that Westmoreland gentleman, dead some years ago-who, after having been imprisoned for six-and-twenty hours in the old mail-coach, astounded his fellow-travellers by stepping down, not on the step, but on the pavement,when he arrived in London. How so lengthy a man could have sat in so small a space during six-and-twenty hours is a mystery. Mr. Fairholt has treated his wicker-and-canvas clients-the has treated as witcher-and canvas cheeks—the huge statues that have figured gigantically in so many a foreign guild-festival and religious procession—handsomely, and with a fair amount of knowledge.—Giant-lovers, however, could help him to an example or two, which he may have overlooked.—There is the Glumdalclitch painted on the tower at Ratisbon, overlooking the arrowy Danube.—There is the Santa Rosalia of Palermo,—not merely huge as she stands, like Niobe "struck to stone" on the height of Monte Pellegrino—but as she creaks in effigy once a year down the narrow Toledo Street; her lack-lustre eyes staring into every one of those florid, flowered firstfloor balconies which give so much character to the fascinating city of "the Golden Shell." Saints, it seems, have been as eligible for Giantry as There have been more orthodox Colo than the Colossus of Rhodes—to name another, the tremendous San Carlo Borromeo above Arona-in whose head four enterprising persons (or thereabouts) can dine.—But, although illustration after illustration of the immunities and fatuities and authorities of Physical Bigness occurs to us we had best close our paragraph about Giants:-having indicated how the primum mobile thereof has been this amusing little book on Gogmagog and Co-rineus (ignorantly miscalled Gog and Magog), at Guildhall, by Mr. Fairholt.

Pifty Years among the Baptists. By David Benedict, D.D. (New York, Sheldon & Co.)-This is a curious, genuine chronicle, which may be consulted curious, genuine chronicle, which may be consumed with profit by any one aspiring to write the history of religious sects in America. Dr. Benedict is prosy, it is true, in dealing with "our denominational affairs," with which he has been conversant during "five decades," but he notes, with knowledge, the changes which have passed over the face of Baptist society.—Some of "the old ways" will seem strange to those who have imagined that self-denial and ceticism belonged to the people who worshipped in barn-fashioned meeting-houses and held a steeple in almost as much horror as the broad-brimmed followers of George Fox.—There was great joviality at the "associations" to which Baptists came from far and over very painful roads. article" (chastised out of the Temple by Teetotalism was there served as a matter of course, and without stint or parsimony.—It seems odd, too, to read of "ordination balls."—Yet "staunch old Baptists of former times," says Dr. Benedict, "would as soon have tolerated the Pope of Rome in their pulpits as an organ in their galleries."—On the whole, the impression made by this book is, that though modes have changed, Baptist sincerity has not; and that

Time and Change have not brought lukewarmness in their train. Without change is brought by Time, in fact, all creeds that are audited (so to say) by private judgment as distinct from authority, must become so many lifeless formalities. But enough of this history, which for its racy common-sense and its unmistakeable American colour, may be securely recommended to such of our readers as care for a discourse about those theological peculiarities in which Humanity will have its share.

Fables and Fairy Tales. By Henry Morley. (Chapman & Hall.)—Quaintness is a quality pre cious to those who can appreciate it, -though such cious to those who can appreciate it,—though such persons make a dispersed, not a collected audience. Those who best appreciate quaintness are not agreed among themselves. That which speaks to some is utterly dumb to others among them. Who has not counted on some favourite whimsy or jestdrawing mirth from the Yorick best known his appetite for jocose whimsies? yet missed his count in the result, when the whimsical jest has been received in blank silence, and the friend who has tendered it been called on to explain what there was, in the tale or repartee, in anywise curious, or clever, or absurd?—Mr. Morley's book is thoor clever, or absurd?—Mr. Morley's book is thoroughly quaint, as might be expected from him who wrote 'How to make Home Unhealthy,'—while his reading, as the biographer of Palissy, Cardan, and Cornelius Agrippa has naturally led him into those lands of speculation where fairy-folk are born and bred. But somehow or other there is an ingredient wanting to his tales. He is hardly unconscious enough for a narrator of marvels, His moral often sits on the threshold too fast, and will not allow people to pass by without listening will not allow people to pass by Mandal and looking at it. We are willing to be persuaded by Truth and Wisdom when we are in church—we are less willing to have them plucking at our skirts, or peering in our faces at the moment when we do not covet useful knowledge. The unexpectedness of Hood's Oddities largely contributed to their effect—so did the solemnly-disguised commonplaces of Mr. Sealy's stories, in the capital 'Porcelain Tower,' Sealy's Chinese too little appreciated.—Thus, we shall possibly not be misunderstood in saying that—while, for ourselves, we have read this quaint miscellary with satisfaction, and more than once have paused it for a moment's thought (if not that irresistible laugh, which is the best criticism on books of its kind),—it will not surprise us if Mr. Morley's readers be fewer than those whom he deserves to gather.

The Minsters and Abbey Ruins of the United Kingdom. By Mackenzie Walcott. (Stanford.) -In this closely-printed little volume of 265 pages Mr. Walcott has given some account of 50 minsters in England and Wales, of 3 in Scotland; 41 abbey ruins in England and Wales, 26 in Ireland, and 11 in Scotland: in all 131, averaging about two pages to each, giving therein something of their history, height, length, breadth, and a few general notes upon matters connected with them, and repeating the stereotyped phrase as to their "eminent sug-gestiveness." Mr. Walcott has been industrious gestiveness." Mr. Walcott has been industrious in digging up facts, more or less known, and in arranging them in a sort of pocket cyclopædia, devoted to a particular subject. Mr. Walcott's space being contracted, and his divisions many, he has been unable to do more than indicate anecdotes: -as, when he says (p. 63), touching Malmes-bury Abbey, and quoting Leland, that "In the church, near the south transept, Duns Scotus was assassinated by the styles of his pupils." There are styles, too, by which those good men, the critics, are, if not assassinated, grievously wounded. We are, if not assassmated, grievously wounded. We find an instance here, in the same page, where the compiler assures us that "King Stephen hastened from London to oppose the Young Pretender,"—which sounds odd, though Mr. Walcott correctly applies an ill-chosen term. We thank him, nevertheless, for a little volume, the compilation of which, doubtless, cost time and trouble—neither of which has been east away. The result is a useof which has been cast away. The result is a useful book, which a second edition may amend.

A Manual of the English Constitution; with a Review of its Rise, Growth and Present State. By David Rowland. (Murray.)—The production of a good history of the English Constitution requires

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various ability, and the possession of qualities which may appear almost incompatible the one with the other. The author of such a work must be an enthusiast, or he will never get to the end of a task so laborious, and, in some parts, so dry. Yet whims of that silly class who sneer at the Revo-lution of 1688, and speak of William as "that wretched Dutchman"; and from the errors of that larger, but hardly less mistaken body, who see in Cromwell a consistent lover of English liberty. A writer on the subject is, moreover, beset with tempwriter on the subject is, moreover, ceset with temptations. All the great personages of our history confederate against him, and try to tempt him to take a wrong turn. The Black Prince would fill his pages with bloody, but unfruitful victories,—Henry the Fifth would lead him, by Agincourt, but a writing a program of Section 1981. Henry the Fifth would lead him, by Agincourt, to Paris,—while Anne Boleyn, Jane Grey and Scot-tish Mary employ all their powers of fascination to seduce him from the straight road before him into the less formal paths of our general history. So the author must be a stern, hard man to resist all these allurements; yet must be be master of a pleasant style, or his book will never be read. Having these views of the difficulties of the task which Mr. Rowland has undertaken, it is no small praise to say that he has executed that task to our satisfaction. There is not any novelty in the views which he takes of his subject; since he agrees in the main with Mr. Hallam. The book is an admirable digest of the incidents which have marked the development of our constitution, as they are viewed by thinking and reasonable men, with an able sketch of the machinery by which our government is worked as it now is. It can hardly fail to become the Blackstone of the Constitutional

The republications are of considerable interest. The Autholography of Leigh Hunt, with a further Revision and Introduction, by his Eldest Son (Smith, Elder & Co.), is now as perfect a book as care and love can make it. The picture of a father painted by a son, in Mr. Thornton Hunt's Introduction, is one of the most beautiful and tender things in literature.—Rubbing the Gilt Off, by J. Hollingshead (Hotten), is the title of a second volume of reprints of clever and sagacious writing. — Mr. Bohn has added to his "Classical Library" The Epigrams of Martial, translated into English Prose. Truth Answers Best; or, Jean and Nicolette, has —Truth Answers Best; or, Jean and Nicolette, has been included in Mr. Bentley's "Standard Novels."

—We have also on our table, Griffin's Chemical Recreations: Non-Metallic Elements (Griffin),—Lionel Lincoln, and the Sea Lions, by J. Fenimore Cooper (New York, Townsend & Co.),—Bourne's Steps to Knowledge, by Mrs. Bogg (Hodson),—M. Roche's clever and useful Grammaire Française (Williams & Norgate),—De Quincey's Selections Grave and Grave contributed to the Victorian Letters to a Victor Man. by (Hoor) Gay, containing Letters to a Young Man, &c. (Hogg), being the fourteenth volume of the Series.—Among translations from foreign languages we have before us, Mr. J. Galvin's translation of Goethe's Faust us, Mr. J. Galvin's translation of Goethe's Faust (Simpkin),—and Echoes of Eternity, by Henrietta J. Fry (Binns & Goodwin).—Of Reprints from periodicals, we have Meg of Elibank, and other Tales, by the Author of 'The Nut-Brown Maids,' originally published in "Fraser's Magazine" (Parker & Son),—Getting on: a Tale of Modern Life, from the "Titan" (Hogg),—Leisure Evenings: a Collection of Pieces in Verse and Prose, by Mrs. A. Wilde (Phiropa) access to be a reprint, and may Miles (Phipps), seems to be a reprint, and may Miles (Phipps), seems to be a reprint, and may therefore be announced in this connexion.—In second editions we have to name Mr. J. J. S. Wharton's Law Lexicon; or, Dictionary of Jurisprudence (Stevens & Norton),—Mr. J. W. Cole's Lije and Theatrical Times of Charles Kean (Bentley),—Hunting Songs and Miscellaneous Verses, by R. E. Egerton Warburton (Longman),—Arthur Knights: an Adventure from the Legend of the Sangrale (Clark),—Hall's Guide to the Three Services: Civil, Naval, and Military (Longman),—Conciliation Rationnelle du Droit et du Devoir, par H. Disdier (Chapman),—German Grammar, by L.

Virtue & Co.),—a fifth edition of Mr. Tegetmeier's Manual of Domestic Economy (Groombridge),—and fortunate author! a tenth edition of Anderson's fortunate author! a tenth edition of Anderson's Practical Mercantile Correspondence (Wilson).—Of Almanacs still unannounced, we have Thom's Almanack and Official Directory (Dublin, Thom),—The American Almanack (Tribner),—Pollard's Almanack, on card,—Art-Union of London Almanack and Report,—The Post Magazine Almanack,—Lever's Year-Book and Railway and Mining Almanack. -The Inventor's Almanack, - South - Eastern Gazette Almanack,—The Oxford Diocesan Calendar, Parker's Church Calendar,—London University Calendar, and The Paper Mills Directory (Kent), to which we may add the yearly volumes of Timbs's Year-Book of Facts (Kent),—The Building News, Tear-Book of Facts (Rent),—Ine Buttaing rews,
—The Geologist,—The Literary and Educational
Year-Book (Kent),—The Clergy List (Cox),—The
Newspaper Press Directory (Mitchell & Co.), which
this year is very much enlarged and improved,—
The Monthly Packet,—Magazine for the Young,
—No. XI. of "Historical Tales," containing The Confessions of St. Vladimir; or, the Martyrs of Kief (Parker),—and The London Catalogue of Peri odicals and Newspapers (Longman).

LIST OF NEW BOOKS.

Aikin and Barbauld's Frenings at Home, illust. n. ed. fc. Svo. 5a. Altar of the Homehold, ed. by Harris and Alexander, n. ed. 21a. Arthur's Knieukehold, ed. by Harris and Alexander, n. ed. 21a. Arthur's Knieukehold, ed. by Harris and Alexander, n. ed. 21a. Arthur's Knieukehold, ed. by Harris and Alexander, n. ed. 21a. Arthur's Knieukeholders' Guide & Kail. Directory, for 1860, 7a. ed. Bradshaw's Sharcholders' Guide & Kail. Directory, for 1860, 7a. ed. Bradshaw's Sharcholders' Guide & Kail. Directory, for 1860, 7a. ed. Calendar of State Papers, Charles 1st, 1623-1629, ed. by Bruce, 15a. Cavour (Count), his Life and Carcer, by Cooper, fc. Svo. 3a. 6d. cl. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 7a. 6d. ed. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 7a. 6d. ed. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 7a. 6d. cl. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 7a. 6d. ed. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 7a. 6d. ed. Cumming's Great Tribulation, new edit. fc. Svo. 3a. 6d. cl. Guethe's Faust, trans. by Galvan, fc. Svo. 5a. ed. gilt. Grey's Little Beauty, 3 vols. post Svo. 3a. 6d. cl. Gleethe's Faust, trans. by Galvan, fc. Svo. 5a. ed. gilt. Grey's Little Beauty, 3 vols. post Svo. 3a. 6d. cl. Hamilton's Inquiry into the MS. "Corrections" in Collier's Annotated Shakpere, 40a. 6c. Cl. Himmilton's Linquiry into the MS. "Corrections" in Collier's Annotated Shakpere, 40a. 6c. Cl. Herschell's Meditations on some of the Pasims, 18mo, 1a. swd. Hoffmann's Christiantity in the First Century, cr. svo. 4a. 6d. cl. Irribe's Tables for Calculating the Weight of Silk, &co., Svo. 10a. 6d. Jame's (John Angell) Works, Koston, Svermona, cr. svo. 7a. 6d. cl. Irribe's Tables for Calculating the Weight of Silk, &co., Svo. 10a. 6d. Jame's (John Angell) Works, Koston, Svo. 10a. 6d. cl. Margaret Penrose, or Life of a Sunday School Teacher, 2a. 6d. cl. Margaret Penrose, or Life of a Sunday School Teacher, 2a. 6d. cl. Margaret Penrose, or Life of a Sunday School Teacher, 2a. 6d. cl. Margaret Penrose, or Life

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SIR THOMAS M. BRISBANE, BART.

By the death of Sir Thomas Brisbane, which occurred on the 28th ult., Science has lost one of becurred of the 25th tits, iscense and to be ther warmest and most generous patrons; for although a great portion of his life was spent amidst camps, at a period, too, when military life left little leisure for more peaceful pursuits, we find Sir Thomas availing himself of every opportunity to cultivate science, and more particularly astronomy. Born at Brisbane, in 1773, he entered the army in 1789, fought in the first battle of the war in May, 1793, and in the subsequent actions under H.R.H. the Duke of York. He went to the West Indies in 1796, and was present at the taking of all the islands under Sir Ralph Abercromby. In 1812, he joined the army in the Peninsula, and renewed his acquaint-ance with the Duke of Wellington, whom he had Concidation Rationnetle du Droit et du Devoir, par II. Disdier (Chapman),—German Grammar, by L. II. Nown in Ireland when the Duke was lieutenant M. Tuchmann (Lockwood).—In third editions we have Quits: a Novel, by the Baroness Tautpheus (Bentley),—Charades, Enigmas, and Riddles, collected by a Cantab (Cambridge, Hall).—We have leeted by a Cantab (Cambridge, Hall).—We have a fourth edition of The Household of Sir Thomas Galway, and that they used to kill their twenty-More, by the Author of 'Mary Powell' (Hall,

dinner. The Duke, he adds, was one of the fines portsmen he ever saw.

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Under the great military Chief, Sir Thomas rapidly rose in the army. He commanded a brigade in six general actions, fought in fourteen battles, twenty-three great affairs, as he styles them, and was present in eight sieges. At the time of his decease he was the oldest officer in the army, having passed through sixty-nine years' military service. His admiration of the Duke of Wellington was unlounded and his personal raping. Wellington was unbounded, and his personal remin-Wetington was unbounded, and his personal reminiscences contain many stories illustrative of the Duke's marvellous military talent. "I have seen him," says Sir Thomas, "wheel a whole division on the ground on which it stood, the left centre going to the right-about, both moving round, wheeling till the front was changed — and that in five minutes." He describes the siege of Valencianes minutes." He describes the siege of Valenciennes as probably the grandest spectacle that ever was exhibited in war. A fog, which was so thick in the morning as to render it impossible to see from left to right of his regiment, suddenly cleared off, and disclosed the armies close to each other, when the action instantly began. "It was," he says, "the most regularly-conducted siege that has occurred during the last century, and it was only hy springing three globes of compression into the by springing three globes of compression into the enemy's covered way, beneath which they introduced them, that we we were successful on our reassaulting it. Such was the effect of the tremendous bombardment, that after the capitulation I could not sleep for several nights for want of the

Familiarized from boyhood to danger Sir Thomas Familiarized from boyhood to danger Sir Thomas had many opportunities of showing his coolness during periods of great peril. On one occasion, when sailing with his regiment in a Newcastle collier, which had been taken up as a transport, to the West Indies, the ship became separated from the fleet, and after encountering a series of heavy gales, Sir Thomas was woke one morning by the captain, who announced that the vessel was among the breakers. He had lost all presence of mind, and exclaimed, "Lord have mercy on us, for we are all error." Sir Thomas proplied "That may be. the breakers. He had lost all presence of mind, and exclaimed, "Lord have mercy on us, for we are all gone!" Sir Thomas replied, "That may be, but let us do everything we can to save the ship?" and though he knew very little of nautical affairs, by his well-timed directions and exertions the ship." by his well-timed directions and exertions the ship was brought off the bank, and saved. This incident, he adds, led him to study navigation and nautical astronomy, and he became so well acquainted with these sciences that in his various voyages, during which he crossed the Tropics eleven times and circumnavigated the globe, he found the greatest advantage from this acquisition, which, doubtless, led him to enter at a subsequent period on higher astronomical studies. But before noticing these fruits of his scientific industry, we pause for a moment over Sir Thomas's reminiscences of his personal intercourse with the Great Duke:

"No commander of ancient or modern times had such a power of instilling confidence into his troops as the Duke of Wellington. When we were marching into action, no individual, from the general down to the drummer, ever entertained any other impression than that we were marching to victory. I heard the Duke at his own table in Paris ask, 'What is the difference between Soult and me?' A general pause ensued, when his Grace said, 'I will tell you the difference. I often bring my army into an infernal scrape, but it always gets me out of it. Soult often did the same for his army, and then he was left by it.' As a proof of the Duke's most excellent memory, while I was in his Grace's house in Paris, a French lady wrote him a letter telling him that she was the widow of a celebrated astronomer, and that he had left a valuable cleck which nm that she was the widow of a celebrated astronomer, and that he had left a valuable clock which she wished the Duke to purchase. He put the letter into my hand, saying, 'You know I know nothing about clocks; if you go and look at it, and tell me it is a good one, I will buy it.' I did go, found it a first-rate clock, and recommended him to purchase it. He never told me whether he had done so crant, but at a recommended. purchase it. He never took me whether he had done so or not, but at a review many years afterwards in Hyde Park, at which he commanded the troops under King William IV., I went up to his Grace before the review began, and one of the first things he said to me was, "You must come to

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Strathfieldsaye and see my clock; it is going remarkably well.' On my arrival in Paris, in 1815, from America, I had the honour of dining with the Duke of Wellington the following day. He spoke in the most feeling manner of his old army, namely the available the control of th namely, the cavalry, the artillery, the infantry, and the commissariat; and he summed up with these remarkable expressions,—that when he broke up on the Garonne, after the battle of Toulouse, he had commanded the most perfect army that ever was in existence. In confirmation of which I may mention that my brigade in the march through Portugal and Spain to the south of France never was without its rations but one day. I have every desire to see ample justice done to the brilliant career of the great Duke, as England may never see again such a warrior or such a statesman. It has been said, I understand, that when the Duke was aide-de-camp to Lord Westmoreland, and after wards to Lord Camden, that he drank too freely gambled, and became deeply involved in debt. Now I never in all my life, though night and day side by side with him, saw him unduly excited by wine, neither did I ever hear it alleged that he was given either to drinking or gambling. He always had his regiment (the 33rd) in most excellent order. He was social in his habits in 1790, when I first became acquainted with him, but never given to excess. At this time his personal appearance and manners were extremely neat and elegant. Such he was from 1790 to 1795, while I had constant personal intercourse with him, and during the interval, till 1813, though separated in service, I had continual occasion to know his habits, and they were never otherwise. * His Grace maintained the strictest integrity in every transaction, and he instilled into every officer in the army the same principle of honour. In illus tration of which, the late Sir Colin Campbell told me that it cost the Duke in Paris 15t. per day for fuel for his house. Yet, though this charge was manifestly enormous, his Grace promptly paid it. In proof of the good understanding and courtesy that subsisted between the hostile armies in the Peninsula, when we were at Hasparren in Spain, we, of the third division, being driven from our position, the Duke immediately ordered up another division, which succeeded in driving back the enemy from the ground which they had taken from us. Through this ground a small stream flowed, and a bridge across marked the position of the two armies. Their works being first finished, the enemy actually came over and helped us to throw up the works against themselves! This incident was well known to the division at the time. As the attempt on the Duke of Wellington's life in Paris in 1815 is perhaps not much known at home, I can give a correct account of it. I dined with his Grace on the very day on which it hap-pened. When Monsieur de Cas, Minister of Police in Paris, came to examine the Duke's servants on the subject, it was discovered that the assassin had placed himself exactly where the sentry stood, and as the porte cochère was so narrow that the sentries were obliged to fall back, and the carriage arrived at that point late in the dark night, the coachman and footman could see the face of the miscreant from the flash of the pistol. They testified that he had large favoris and moustaches. The bullet had passed over the carriage. I went down next day to see where it had struck. It was obliquely across the street, nearly thirty yards' distance. I distinctly saw the nearly thirty yards' distance. I distinctly saw the groove of the bullet on the wall. A few days after, I was walking down Duke-street, St. James's, I met the Duke of Wellington coming up He was kind enough to take my arm and turn and walk back with me. In course of conversation I said, 'I did not think a miscreant could have been found in this country who would have raised his hand against your Grace, after all you have done for it.' The Duke briefly replied: 'Life was not worth possessing if it was to be held on such terms.

These interesting anecdotes of the Great Captain strengthen his already world-wide fame, and give further confirmation to the general opinion that as a military chief he was unequalled. In 1807 Sir Thomas returned to Scotland invalided, and now,

having leisure to cultivate his favourite science, he erected an observatory at Brisbane, and furnished it with excellent instruments. Here he made a great number of observations, and this observatory continued to afford him constant occupation and delight until his death.

In 1819, shortly before his departure from England to assume the government of New South Wales, Sir Thomas Brisbane married Anna, eldest Wales, Sir Thomas Brisbane married Anna, eidest surviving daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Mak-dougall. Sir Walter Scott gives us a pleasant glimpse of Sir Thomas at this period. Writing to his son, from Abbotsford, he says, "We have had a visit from a very fine fellow indeed, Sir T. Brisbane, who long commanded a brigade in the Peninsula. He is very scientific, but bores no one with it, being at the same time a well-informed man on all subjects, and particularly alert in his own profession, and willing to talk about what he

Sir Thomas's love for science was near standing in the way of his colonial appointment. The Duke of Wellington told him that Lord Bathurst was desirous to have a person "who will govern, not the heavens, but the earth in New South Wales."
"Your Grace can testify," replied Sir Thomas,"
warmly, "whether, during all the years during which I have had the honour to serve under you in the Peninsula, I ever suffered my scientific predilections to interfere with my military duties."—
"Certainly not; certainly not," replied the Duke; and he added, "I shall write to Lord Bathurst that, on the contrary, you were never in one instance absent or late, morning, noon, or night; and that, in addition, you kept the time of the army."
This was the fact; he always carried a pocket sextant-chronometer and an artificial horizon, and by taking altitudes of the sun kept exact time

Sir T. Brisbane's colonial administration was very beneficial. Besides performing his government duties he erected an observatory at Paramatta, and supplied it with books, first-rate instruments, and two assistants from Europe, all at his own expense. He knew that no observations of the stars in the Southern Hemisphere had been made since 1751-2,-when Lacaille made a very valuable series of observations at the Cape of Good Hope, —and that a wide field was opened before him at Sydney for the labours of the astronomer.

The result of his observations at Paramatta, besides many valuable papers contributed to the Royal Society and the Astronomical Society, comprises the 'Brisbane Catalogue of 7,385 Stars of the Southern Hemisphere,'—a most important addition to astronomical knowledge, and so highly esteemed were the results that the Home Govern ment, on the representation of scientific men, gave instructions that the Paramatta Observatory should

be kept up at the public expense.
On Sir Thomas Brisbane's return to Scotland in 1826, he founded his celebrated astronomical observatory at Makerstoun, and in 1841 he erected another observatory at the same place, for the purpose of making magnetical observations. The instruments supplied to both observatories were of the best and most costly nature. The sum paid for the clocks alone, in the magnetical observatory, was 1,200 guineas. The work done has been excel-From 1841 to 1846, magnetical and meteor ological observations have been made every alternate hour, except in 1844 and 1845, when they were made every hour, day and night. Since 1846, were made every hour, day and night. nine observations have been made daily. The results have been published, and the Makerstoun Observatory has justly acquired the reputation of being one of the best magnetical and meteorological establishments in Scotland.

Scientific honours rapidly followed those obtained by Sir Thomas Brisbane for his military deeds. In 1810 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society; and in 1828 he was awarded the Astronomical Society's gold medal. He was a Corresponding Member of the French Institute. The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of D.C.L., and in 1832 he succeeded Sir Walter Scott in the presidential chair of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and retained that office during the rest of his life. During his presidency he founded two gold medals to be given annually as

the reward of scientific merit, one by the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the other by the Society of Arts. The first of the former was presented last year to Sir Thomas's fellow-countryman and fellowsoldier, Sir R. Murchison.

In 1836, King William the Fourth created him a baronet, the Duke of Wellington having previously knighted him at Paris. In 1836, he was offered the command of the troops in Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and in 1838 the important post of Commander-in-Chief in India, but he de clined both appointments on account of his health. This, however, though enfeebled by long military service, did not interfere with his scientific and philanthropic pursuits, which he prosecuted with great ardour and devotion to the last. His declining years were solaced by numerous highly flattering testimonials from eminent men, who were desirous that his valuable military services should be re warded by the well-earned honour of a Field-Marshal's bâton; but although great interest was made, a letter was received at the close of 1858 from the Duke of Cambridge, stating that it was not the intention of Her Majesty to add to the number of Field-Marshals.

ERNST MORITZ ARNDT.

HAVING celebrated his ninetieth birthday only a few weeks ago, (on the 26th of December last), Ernst Moritz Arndt, the poet, the patriot, the in-defatigable and enthusiastic champion of German nationality and unity, died on the 29th of January, near Bonn, in the well-known little house overlooking the Rhine which had sheltered him for the last forty years. His was really a green old age; he was hale and hearty, and in the full possession his wonted mental energy almost to the day of his death; and his friends and countrymen, who vied with each other in showering honours on the white locks of the nonagenarian, hoped confidently, and not without reason, for a further delay of his departure from among them. It seems, however, that the excitement with which the offering of those honours was unavoidably connected proved too much for the old man: he fairly broke down under the weight of his flowery crown, and, after a short indisposition only, fell peacefully asleep about noon last Sunday. We will not lament him; he has lived out a life rich in years, and rich in well-de-served honours; the Rhine does not wash a nobler and happier grave than his.

Ernst Moritz Arndt was born at Schoritz, on the island of Rügen, in 1769, the same year which gave birth not only to Alexander von Humboldt, but also to Napoleon,—"hinter dem Korsen vier Monden," as he states the fact himself in some autobiographical distichs written in 1813, when, persecuted by the same "Corsican," he was obliged to live in retirement some where in Silesia. Having completed his studies, he travelled, from 1797 to 1799, in Sweden, Italy, France, Germany, and Hungary, and an account of his impressions and observations during these wanderings, (not to speak of some poetical contributions to Bürger's 'Musen-Almanach,' dating as far back as 1793,) was his first literary production. It made him at once favourably known, and was followed, in 1803, by another spirited book, 'Fragmente über Menschenbildung, after the publica-tion of which, he became in 1806, Professor of His-tory at the University of Greifswald. His 'Geschichte der Leibeigenschaft in Pommern und Rügen' (1803), in which he severely attacked the pretended rights of the Pomeranian aristocracy, procured him the honour of the sound and thorough hatred of that privileged body, and his celebrated book, 'Geist der Zeit' (1806), which advocated with glowing patriotism the national rights of Germany, predicting at the same time the fall of Napoleon, and the events which were to follow it, drew down upon him the indignation of the then mighty Emperor. He was obliged to escape, and took refuge, for a time, in Sweden and Russia. At St. Petersburg he became acquainted with the Freiherr von Stein, placed himself at that great man's disposal, for the sake of breaking the invader's yoke, and accompanied him later,—during the campaign of 1813-14,-through Germany and France, to

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Paris, all this time indefatigably busy with his Paris, all this time indefatigably busy with his pen, to rouse and to nourish the enthusiasm for the rights, the honour, and the national freedom and independence of Germany. As a poet, he was stirring the fire in these memorable times. His songs,—'Was ist des Deutschen Vaterland,' 'Der Gott, der Eisen wachsen liess,' 'Was blasen die Trompeten, Husaren heraus,' and others,—were eagerly sung by the armed youth, along with those of Theodore Körner, all over Germany, sounding like as many trumpets in the along with those of Theodore Körner, all over Germany, sounding like as many trumpets in the rear of the retreating French armies. After the downfall of Napoleon, Arndt returned to Germany, and was named, in 1819, Professor of History at the newly - founded University of Bonn. But soon, like Jahn, and the brothers Welcker, he was accused of what, the terminology of the Cabinets called, "demagogische Umtriebe." A long investigation followed, which, although giving him the satisfaction of a full acquittal, yet deprived him, through the weak, mistrusting policy of King Frederick William the Third, of his Professor's chair. This was the Prince's gratitude, whom he, rederick william the Prince's gratitude, whom he, too, had helped to save from utter destruction. Since this time, Arndt only devoted himself to literary labours,—until, in 1840, King Frederick William the Fourth, at that epoch more liberal than his narrow-minded predecessor, gave him back to his academical honours and activity. The year 1848 called him to Frankfort, as a member of the National Assembly, but the arena of the Pauls-kirche proved rather too stormy for the veteran of nearly eighty. He made himself conspicuous almost only by his votes, standing, as a Prussian patriot, on the side of Heinrich von Gagern. One more decennium he has lived amongst us after that time, rich in emotions, as well as delusions,-always time, rich in emotions, as well as delusions,—always firm, active, healthy in mind and body, full of imperishable love for his country, beloved and honoured by her in return, looking forward to death with meek and cheerful submission,—the very type of a long, complete and honourable life drawing near its close. It would lead us too far to give a list of his various literary works, the greatest part of them valuable documents for the history of his time. Many of them will outlive him:—his songes. Many of them will outlive him:-his songs, we feel confident, will be sung as long as Germans meet in hall or battle-field. 'Was ist des Deutschen Vaterland' has once more been heard all round the vacertand has once more been feard all round the globe on Schiller's Centenary Birth-day. True, the question remains still unsettled! The national song of Germany,—now, as well as when Arndt wroteit,—has to ask, where Germany is to be found! We heartily join in the wish with which the Rector and Senate of the University of Bonn wind up a short notice of their eldest colleague's demise:— "Möge über seinem Grabe der Bau deutscher Einheit und Einigkeit, woran er in schlimmen, wie in guten Zeiten gleich zuversichtlich gearbeitet hat, sich erheben!"

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

Pistoja, Jan. 15.

"PRAY tell me," quoth some liberal English traveller, "if it be true that the feeling of Italian traveller, "if it be true that the feeling of Italian nationality has of late been making great progress among the agricultural population?"—"All falsehoods, my good sir," replies English resident, dogmatically. "All falsehoods got up by those Red Republicans who infest the towns, and who will get their deserts by the end of Carnival at latest. Ahem! I am not at liberty to say more, but it is only a question of time, you know! Don't the Armonia, and the Civilla Cattolica, all the respectable Italian Papers, in short, repeat the fact twenty times over papers, in short, repeat the fact twenty times over in every page, that the so-called Nationals are after all only a 'pugno di faziosi,' a handful of factious scoundrels, that is, in the pay of Piedmont, or of any one who will bid highest for them? You may be sure that all the steady, sober, labouring large the substructure as compared to the steady. may be sure that all the steady, sober, labouring windows of the grand old council-hall, with its lofty class, the substratum, as one may say, my dear sir, the sound substratum, in which all the real seats of carved wood at its upper end, and the worth of the country lies, is heart and soul for the return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the real return of the rightful rulers; and that the return of the rightful rulers; and the return of the rightful rulers; and that the return of the rightful rulers; and the return of the rightful rulers; and that the return of the rightful rulers; and the return of the rightful rulers.

the Tuscan peasant's political leanings, I witnessed to day in Pistoja, under as purely cloudless a sky, with as brilliant a sun to warm up the a sky, with as brilliant a sun to warm up the soupcon of frost in the air, as a January day in the Val d'Arno can show. Few of our country folks have visited Tuscany without taking a peep at picturesque little Pistoja, so pleasantly nested at the foot of the purple Apennine, whose noble sweeping outline frames it in on all sides but leaving an intervening space of richly culone, leaving an intervening space of richly cultivated plain around the once formidable ramparts. More than, perhaps, any other city of Northern Italy, it keeps the local cachet of its ancient republican "better days," not only in the stately old buildings, with which it abounds, but in the sturdy, straightforward, somewhat pugnacious character of the townspeople; their strong attachment to their municipal rights, their propensity for having a will of their own in social and political matters and their unsequently freedom. political matters, and their unscrupulous freedom of speech in making that will known to their rulers, whether Medicean or Lorenese. The surrounding district,—"il Pistojese,"—especially the mountainous part of it which stretches nearly up to the ci-devant frontier of Modena, is distinguished to the ci-devant frontier of Modena, is distinguished for its stalwart and handsome peasantry, its beautiful language—the purest and most picturesque spoken in all Italy—its wealth of popular poetry, and, as the Codini asserted, its unshaken fidelity to the late dynasty. Now the real state of feeling on such subjects of any rural population is always as difficult to get at, as it is important when really understood; and it is, therefore, one of the commonest and cheapest assertions of the the commonest and cheapest assertions of the partizans of a fallen Government, that all the disaffection of the people runs in the bad blood of the towns, while the yeomanry and agricultural labourers are staunch in their fidelity to the

The festival of to-day, therefore, should form a very weighty item in the estimate of the Tuscan people's political feeling, for on this occasion no less than 10,000 of the surrounding peasantry made their solemn entry en masse into Pistoja to pay down their hard-earned offerings to the Garibaldi fund for the purchase of those muskets, which, we trust, in case of need, will help to fence the rights of this fair land while she works out her own destinies. A more triumphant contradiction to the threadbare cant about Piedmontese propagandism, and venal treachery to the paternal Grand-Duke, it would be difficult to conceive. In order to describe the scene as I witessed it, I must, like the story-books, begin with

the beginning.

We had reached Pistoja at half-past ten by the first train from Florence, and we wound our way from the station through many a by-lane and alley toward the Piazza, in order to avoid the immense concourse which blocked up the principal streets, concourse which blocked up the principal streets, groping through an utterly dark and unsavoury inn stable in our course, and issuing therefrom almost into the thick of a great crowd, which had gathered beneath a tiny Madonna-shrine, gay with pendant lamp and tinsel flowers, to listen to a street improvisatore, who was pouring forth his intermin-able stornelli, to a not unmusical sort of chant, in praise of Victor Emmanuel and Garibaldi. Before long we stood on the broad staircase before long we stood on the broad staircase of the Palazzo Municipale, or town-hall, which occupies one side of the Piazza, and by the courteous kindness of some officers of the Pistojan National Guard, we were placed in one of the three great windows of the grand old council-hall, with its lofty ceiling of richly-worked open beams, the beautiful seats of carved word at its upper end and the

galantuomo, a precious example to crowned heads forsooth!" And so on, with a string of such like assertions, gallops the zealous instructor of Codino tendencies, while the new comer, immensely disappointed at the result of his questioning, writes off the disheartening facts, "on excellent authority," by that day's post to his friends in England. How much of truth there is in such a picture of the Tuesan pressarily applicable leavings. I with bapitstery, and huge Palace of Justice over the way, whose pillared courtyard is a mass of carved or painted armorial bearings of bygone magistrates and gonfalonieri, all stood round, sharp and clear against the limpid sky, precisely as they did in the days when the colossal bronze caricature bust of Filippo Tedici, "traitor to his country," which stood a few yards to the left over the great portal, was fastened with those self-same iron clamps to the massive wall. Four more similar brazen heads, by the way, likewise in caricature, perpetuated the scorn and ironominy which formed part of the living scorn and ignominy which formed part of the living traitor's doom, placed one at each of the principal street corners of the city,—a grim and sturdy re-publican jest, smacking of the strong times which

planear jest, sintering of the strong times which begot it.

Down the centre of this picturesque piazza were placed, at short intervals, twenty-six small tables, each bearing writing implements, and wooden bowls for the contributions, and beside these sat the persons appointed to take down the names of the persons appointed to take down the names of the subscribers. On either side the tables, leaving a broad space between, was a double rank of National Guards leaning on their muskets, with their bright blue and red capotes, frank, good-looking faces, and well-poised figures, taller on an average than those of our Florentine battations. Behind them was cathered a great ground of or average than those of our Florentine battalions. Behind them was gathered a great crowd of expectant citizens on both sides and at the further end of the square, while all around tricoloured banners and gay hangings gleamed and floated from parapet and window, and large flocks of tame pigeons, snow-white or glancing purple-brown, came fluttering down from the house-tops into the open space, and then rose up again, with a whirr and a scurry, as though they had only been betrayed by a momentary forgetfulness into their usual work-a-day peregrinations in search of food.

"Eccoli! Eccoli!" (here they come!) and a distant sough of Mateozzi's war-hymn, and a sudden great gush of crowd from the left hand street, usher in the close-ranked procession. All astir with waving flags crowned with garlands, clus-tered faces and brilliant colours, they stream out of the hadow property in the worklight and of the shadowy perspective into the sunlight and

the surging Evrivas /
First the children of the communal schools,—a First the children of the communal schools,—a deputation, that is, from the rising generation of the Pistojan hills. Some of them mere wee toddling creatures, just big enough to wave their pigmy banners. Next a multitude of women, old and young, among whom it is easy to trace, by the varieties of dress, their shades of social standing. The richer features! farmers' daughters come rustling in gay-coloured silks, tight gloves, and over-elaborate little hats and plumes all' Italiana. The more old-world dames and damsels from remoter villages are resplendent in wonderful tricoloured silk aprons and head-ribbons, and queer black and white fur facings of home-made ermine, from throat to waist, which, when worn by masses of fifteen or twenty girls to-gether, and contrasted with their long strings of gether, and contasted with the bag same of red coral, is not wanting in picturesque effect. Mingled with these are groups of the humblest labourers' "womankind," whose red or purple cotton handkerchiefs are tied meekly under the chin, while their close-fitting boddice, dark skirt, unconscious of starch or steel springs, and coarse striped apron, have no pretension save to cleanliness. Now follow the men. How so great a number can have been furnished forth by the hill number can have been furnished forth by the hill villages at a season when a very large portion of the rural population is at work in the far-off Maremme, it is difficult to guess. But here they are, arm in arm, four or five abreast, in velveteen jacket and grey felt hat, carrying their flags with a certain businesslike gravity and pride of bearing, which sits well on their sunburnt faces. Waving over them is a wood of banners, of all shapes and sizes and materials, some crested with wreaths of laurel and camellias, some topped with a brannew gilt Roman eagle, some gay with silken ribbons, some with streamers of worsted galloon.

Borne on high among them, in the place of honour, one yellow, stained, washed-out looking flar bears this inscription:—"The banner of '48." and hearts beat quick and eyes moisten as it passes close beneath the marble tablet let into the wall of the Municipio, and setting forth the names of the six Pistojans who fell among the bravest in the noble defeat of Curtatone. Two officers of the National Guard stand beside me as the beloved relic goes by. Both of them wear the medal of the '48 on their breasts. Both fought the hot fight at Curtatone, and one, the elder of the two, who bears a name deservedly honoured among the Liberals of Tuscany, after being wounded and taken prisoner by the Austrians, in that disastrous battle, received the reward of his bravery in '49, in a ten years' exile, from which only the Revolution of last April released him. Evviva Gari baldi!"—" Evviva il nostro Re!"—" Evviva Italia libera!" shout the crowd and the National Guard, -" Evviva Italia as the procession splits into sections, which gather round the several tables to register their gifts. These, of course, differed as widely as the circumstances of the several givers. Some of the more well-to-do peasantry contributed as much as a sequin (a little more than six shillings) to the fund, while the manner of a few of the poorest offerings was not without a touch of pathos, which made them so many pearls of price. One shabbily-dressed labourer, for instance, came behind a National Guard (from whose lips I heard the story) and humbly twitching his capote, muttered, with a downcast face, "I'm very poor, but I couldn't help coming in with the rest; I have only this in the world to give (putting into the Guardia's hand a half paul-worth not quite threepence), and I'm ashamed to go up to the table. Please put it in for me. La mi farà una carità fiorita (You will do me a first-rate kindness)."

While the registering was going on, the bands While the registering was going to, nor played their blithest; and, ever and anon, rose the tempest of hand-clapping, and "Vivus," loud and long, in honour of "Our Brethren of Venice," long, in honour of "The Union of Italy,"—"The National Guard,"—
"The Tuscan Government,"—"Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy," and such like names of power, which the throng took up from the lips of any peasant patriot, who, bolting out of the mass into the open space, shouted out the cry with true mountaineer lungs, and as suddenly disappeared again among the ranks of his friends. At length the last offering was given in, and, with roll of drums and streaming banners, the procession left the Piazza, and the crowds dispersed, to wait for the afternoon's instalment of the pageant.

The afternoon procession, which took place between three and four o'clock, thronged the piazza with numbers greater than those of the morning; a far larger proportion of priests, too, be seen in its ranks. In all else it re sembled the former one, and, as the hearty Evvivas rang out, mixed with the clash of the Garibaldi hymn, I saw more than one priest fling down his hat in the dust before him, and join in the handclapping with might and main. clapping with might and main. The entire sum collected, as I understand, amounts to about 1,000 scudi (nearly 250t.),—a puny help, indeed, towards the arming of Italy, but of potent example to the rest of the Tuscan peasantry, and a significant reminder to those who cry aloud for universal suffrage to manifest the real feeling of the people, that the result of such a vote might be even more disheartening to their hopes than that which they represent as having been purchased with Pied montese gold.

Florence, Jan. 24, 1860.

In your journal of the 14th inst., under the head "Foreign Correspondence," I find an article signed "Th. T.," to which I beg to call your attention. As the writer of the statement referred to, though seemingly anxious to relate the affair precisely as it occurred, has not only made our names public, but has added much that is incorrect, I deem it due to my sisters and myself to request you to give publicity, through the medium of your journal, to the

following facts connected with the incident alluded | public the distinguished individual under whose to by your Correspondent.

Towards 5 o'clock, P.M., Dec. 26th, as my sisters were returning home by Via della Sapienza, a broad street leading from the Piazza della SSma. Annunziata, to the Piazza San Marco, their attention was attracted to certain writings on the walls of the Grand-Duke's stables, to the effect of "Morte a Leopoldo Secondo ! Morte ai Codini!" (Death to Leopold the Second! Death to the Conservatives!), &c. &c.; and one of them, fancying herself unob served, heedlessly wrote on the said wall. Ferdinando Quarto!" (Long live Ferdinand the Fourth!), and nothing else. At this moment a person dressed in plain clothes surprised them in the act, and struck my sister with such force as to break the umbrella which she held in her hand, and, repeating the blow on her temples, almost stunned This man was the sole witness of the so-called misdeed, and he, following my sisters as they hastened down Via del Cocomero, gave them over to the custody of two gendarmes whom they met, and left them.

On arriving at the Piazza del Duomo, they wished to enter a flacre, which was prevented by the gendarmes, who questioned them as to "who paid them for the deed." They strongly denied having been paid by any one, and offering the gendarmes three Napoleons to allow them to go free, the bribe was declined, and they remained in the Piazza, under the charge of the police, till a detachment National Guard arrived, when they were placed in a fiacre, with two gendarmes inside and one outside on the box. It was only on the arrival of the National Guard that the unpleasant proceeding attracted any attention whatever from the passers by ; and in justice to the well-behaved and orderly citizens of Florence, it must be stated that no insult or indignity of any kind was offered to my sisters

on this occasion.

Feeling uneasy at the prolonged absence of my sisters, I went in search of them, and having heard on my way that two English ladies had been arrested and conducted to the Delegation, I repaired thither and found them. After being detained for some hours at the Delegation, I was compelled to enter a fiacre in company with gen-darmes, leaving my sisters in custody of others, and I returned home to our friend's house, where a strict search was made of my own and my sisters' effects, during which time they returned. Our friend's apartments were also thoroughly examined; and this disagreeable business having lasted from ten at night to two in the morning, we were at last left in peace to dine or sup as we best could, nothing having been found to compromise them. The following day I waited on Mr. Corbett, the English Chargé d'Affaires at Florence, and having stated to him the facts as they occurred, claimed from him, should it be necessary, that protection to which Her Majesty's subjects are entitled at his hands.

Two or three days had elapsed, when Mr. Corbett requested an interview with me, when he informed me that the Marchese Ginori had received anonymous letters, accusing him of having given a blow to one of my sisters. I agreed, at Mr. Cor-bett's request, that my sisters and myself should meet the Marchese at the British Embassy, he (the Marchese) being anxious to prove his innocence of a charge which common report - not my sisters brought against him. The opportunity thus afforded to the gentleman in question did not prove as satisfactory as he expected. My sisters never said that he was not the person who struck them; and so far from declaring that "if it were not he, it must have been another National Guard very like him," they never addressed a word to the Marchese on that occasion. The Marchese was desir-ous that I should write him a letter of thanks for his conduct to my sisters when arrested. This I distinctly refused.

It is worthy of remark, that had the Marchese been on duty with his battalion, as your Correspondent states, he would have been in uniform, and not in plain clothes, as he was when he brought up the detachment of the National Guard.

I cannot but deplore that your Correspondent should have so unnecessarily brought before the

roof we are so happily living, and who had nothing whatever to do with the transaction in question.

I am authorized by him to contradict, in the most forcible manner, the assertion that he is engaged in "petty plots," or that he is in the receipt of any pension from the existing Government. His only crime — and to honourable minds it must ever be considered a virtue-is that of loyalty to the Sovereign whom he has so long and so faithfully served,

FRED. H. SPERLING, Rector of Papworth St. Agnes, Cambs.

* We insert Mr. Sperling's letter because he claims its insertion as an act of justice. That his explanations appear to make the case weaker and worse is not our fault.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

WE hear that Mrs. Browning has sent over from Florence a volume of political poems for immediate publication. The world will be curious to see how the writer of the Verses on Napoleon lately printed in the Athenœum will describe the recent outgrowths of the Italian War.

Earl De Grey and Ripon, as President of the Royal Geographical Society, will receive the Fellows on the evenings of Wednesday, February 8th, 15th, and 29th, at his mansion, No. 11, Carlton House Terrace, at half-past nine o'clock.

The members of the Inns of Court Rifle Corps the Devil's Own, as they are gracelessly styled by a discerning public, as their fathers were when George the Third was king-have adopted their motto; "Salus Populi Suprema Lex." The motto is good, if not very new; appropriate to the corps and the occasion, if not remarkably subtle or profound.

A memorial, calling a public meeting to consider the policy of founding a Public Library in Mary-lebone, is in progress of signature in that borough. The meeting will be held in a few days.

Our readers remember the donation of 10,000l. to the University of Cambridge by the representa-tives of the late Rev. Richard Sheepshanks, for the promotion of astronomy, and the application of part of the sum to the foundation of mical scholarship. The first competition took place a few weeks ago, and ended in the election of a young gentleman of Trinity College, named Stirling, who, as we understand, showed very considerable knowledge of practical astronomy. young gentleman has since justified his examiners, and added brilliancy to the inauguration of the Sheepshanks Scholarship, by gaining the place of Senior Wrangler. Here we leave him, with our best wishes, to fulfil the promise he has given-no very easy task, but one for which we have no doubt he is qualified. The name of Stirling is already familiar to the mathematician, and is perhaps in the way to be more familiar.

The Friend of the People is the title of a new periodical which has just made its appearance, with the motto, "Love thy Neighbour as Thyself." The periodical is devoted to social and sanitary science, to the guardianship of benevolent projects, and the culture of kindly relations between class and class. It is issued, we believe, under the superintendence of Lord Raynham, a young nobleman of excellent abilities and dispositions : and is another example of the earnestness felt by society in such questions. We wish The Friend of the

People every success.

Capt. Wraxall asks our aid in making public the

following protest and explanations:—
"I find that a rumour is very currently spread that my name is a nom de plume. the report in various quarters, and having traced it to its source, it appears to emanate from a certain Mr. Jones, of Wales (a tolerably extensive title), who has made a degree of renown at certain tea-tables by attributing my scanty reputation to himself. I should have left Mr. Jones at peace, had it not been that people imagine that my name is 'Jones,' against which I protest with all my strength. Were it possible to identify myself as the Jones, I should be only too proud to accept the sobriquet; but, as it is, I prefer to retain my own name. Any degree of notoriety I have obtained is under my own name, as derived from my ancestors;

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and, having done nothing hitherto to disgrace it, I Bee no reason why I should not sign myself as before, yours, &c. LASCELLES WRAXALL." In the 'Chronique' attached to the 'Biblio-

graphie de la France,' for the 14th of January, is a notice of a curious collection of autographs, said to belong to a captain in the English army, who died recently at Uxbridge. The whole affair is evi-dently a "mystification," which it is surprising should have found its way into a carefully-edited should have found its way into a carefully-edited publication. It is professed to be extracted from Monthly Magazine,—a title intended, we suppose, for that of The Monthly Magazine, which has been extinct for many years. The name of the collector is said to be Sir Arthur Thornwald—a name which can only look English to foreign eyes. Finally, the collection is said to contain "letters by Machieved Anne of Austria, Shakeneger" and Machiavel, Anne of Austria, Shakspeare," and other illustrious personages, which "are considered excessively valuable"—and no wonder. We hope the notice is not a prelude to the appearance at Paris of some autograph letters of Shakspeare as authentic as the "Moredun" of Walter Scott.

"We have a variety of spectacle in Naples at present of more or less interest," writes a friend in that city. "There is that of Vesuvius, which always bids high for public attention. On the 28th of December, as I informed you, what the Old Man of the Mountain calls 'bombe e saette,' were thrown up, and the whole crater was in a state of immense excitement. On the 7th instant these demonstrations were renewed, and four or five streams of lava issued from the foot of the mountain. In the evening, about seven o'clock, Resina was shaken by a 'mountain earthquake;' it was so perceptible that tables moved backwards and forwards, and fowls that were roosting in the houses of the peasantry flew into the next room. The official Journal speaks of an earthquake which was felt at Nicastro on the night of the 23rd-24th of December; it was undulating, but produced no damage. As Nature has had her spectacle, why not Duke Proto? His tragedy of 'Joas' has been played many times at the Fiorentini, and to-morrow night will be put en scène again. Borrowed, in a great measure, from the 'Athalie' of Racine, and the 'Merope' of Alfieri, it possesses little originality, and perhaps the reader who is acquainted with 'Merope' will Atalia; in Merope Sebia; and in the old Polidone the old Sarevia. Throughout the action the Queenwidow, Sebia, commands more than Atalia, and whoo, Sens, commands more than Atams, and perhaps the author was inspired by some living example. The tragedy is marked by the customary clap-traps, in order to extort applause, and the real progress of Art is little regarded; and some effection are the wires of the Theorem of the Price of reflections on the union of the Throne and the Priesthood are thrown in to secure the favour of the hood are thrown in to secure the lavour of the powers that be. I must confess, however, that opinions are divided on the subject. On Joas' authority, we may safely say that Proto can with difficulty be heavy, and will generally be amusing. On Saturday night Maestro Petrella made another bid for public favour at San Carlo. His new opera is 'The Last Faliero.' It would be premature to give an opinion upon it; but the public voice appears to have pronounced unfavourably. lic voice appears to have pronounced unfavourably. The following notice may be of value to con-chologists in England, and I know no better mode of communicating it than through the pages of the Atheneum. Signor Athanasio, an eminent conchologist of Naples, possesses many duplicates of land and river shells from the South of Italy, as also many marine-shells from the Mediterranean, and more especially from the Gulf of Naples. He is desirous of making exchanges for exotic shells of the North of Europe, particularly of the 'Espèces Pélagiques.' His address is, Strada Constantinopoli, No. 23, Naples."

An overland route for telegraphic communication with Associate the backets.

tion with America has been proposed in France, making use of the existing lines from London to Dresden, and from thence entering the Russian Empire, and passing through Moscow and Kasan. Then crossing the Ural Mountains to Yakoutsk and on to Behring Strait, crossing this, and passing through Russian America to Canada and the United

The following scraps of Macaulayana need no introduction :-

"Dumbarton, Jan. 30 "I trust to your courtesy for insertion of the following in answer to your Correspondent, who has brought me to book in the matter of Lord Macaulay's ancestors. In the churchyard of Card-Macaulay's ancestors. In the churchyard of Cardross there is a tombstone, bearing an inscription which not only substantiates all you were pleased to extract from my 'History of Dumbartonshire' regarding the Macaulay family, but completely upsets your Correspondent's notion as to the Christian name of Zachary's grandfather. It is a plain freestone slab, raised about two feet from the ground, and though now covered with moss, by patient picking the following inscription may yet be deciphered:—'Beneath this monument are deposited the remains of the Rev. John M'Aulay, minister of this parish. He was born, on the 1st of January 1720, at Harris, in Invernesshire, of which parish his father the Reverend AULAY M'Aulay was minister. He was educated at King's College, Aberdeen, and was ordained minister of South Uist in 1745, from whence he was translated to the parish of Lismore and Appin in 1755. He became minister of Inverary in 1765; and from thence was translated in 1774 to the parish of Cardross, where he died on the 31st of March, 1789. Here also lie he died on the 31st of March, 1789. Here also he the remains of his wife Margaret, third daughter of Colin Campbell of Inversregan, in Argyllshire. She was born 13th of June, 1729, and died 12th of June 1790. By her he had twelve children: of whom the youngest, John, died in his infancy, and was buried close to this spot. This monument is erected as a tribute of filial regard, gratitude and love.' This is a copy of the inscription on the gravestone of the Rev. John M'Aulay, one of whose twelve children was Zachary, the father of the deceased peer. One cannot help wishing that all memorials of the kind were equally explicit. I have heard of your Cor-respondent's theory about sons being named after their grandfathers and daughters after their grand-mothers; but its accuracy has not been established in my experience, and I rather think the adoption of it without collateral proof as to name would bring a genealogist to grief. Your Correspondent would do good service in this matter of the Macaulay ancestry, if he could establish from the Seaforth Papers he refers to, about the time the family settled in the Harris district. I infer the M'Aulays there were a branch of the old Dumbartonshire house of were a branch of the old Dumbartonshire house of Ardincaple; but the remnant of papers remaining in the hands of the last lineal representative of that family were so widely scattered—some of them, probably, lost altogether—at his death in 1767, that it is with difficulty the descent of the main line can be traced. It is detailed as fully as possible in any (Histograf Dumbartonshire), but force ble in my 'History of Dumbartonshire'; but from the few family papers with which their genealogy can now be illustrated I found it quite impossible can now be industrated I round it quite impossible to indicate with anything like precision where the Harris branch broke off. I may mention that Lord Macaulay generally showed great reticence on the subject of his ancestry. When in this quarter, in 1848, an attempt was made to 'draw him out' by a venerable and reverend gentleman not much given to 'presuming,' but Macaulay managed to change the conversation as often as it was attempted, and latterly in a manner plainly intended as a rebuff. Yours, &c., JOSEPH IRVING. "-Our Correspondent did not bring Mr. Irving "to book," but rather pushed his inquiries beyond the book—produced a "Zach. M'Aulay," receiver of rents at Lewis in 1716, and asked whether the said Zach, might not have been "grandfather or great-uncle" to Zach., the father of Lord Mac-

The following local light is also welcome as confirming our impressions and our inferences:— "Galashiels Manor, January 30.

"Mr. Phin presents compliments to the Editor of the Athenœum, and, with reference to a paragraph in his last Weekly Gossip about Lord Macaulay, begs to state:—Ist, That the custom of naming eldest sons after their paternal grandfathers is so general in Scotland that a deviation from it is remarked as exceptional. 2nd, That it is still quite common to style the 'receiver of rents' on

the estate of a large Scottish proprietor his 'cham-berlain,' and that the gentleman who acts in that berlain,' and that the gentleman who acts in that capacity upon the property of his Grace the Duke of Buceleuch around Dalkeith, is frequently described by that designation. 3rd, That a sister of the late Peer's father was married to the minister of the parish of Hoy, in Orkney; and that the son of that minister, and first cousin of Lord Macaulay, is the Rev. Zachary Macaulay Hamilton, parochial minister of Bressay, in Shetland—an able, excellent, and most hospitable incumbent of a Scottish manor in the far north." a Scottish manor in the far north."

Mr. Hotten contributes to the columns of Macanlavana :--

"Piccadilly, Feb. 1.

"But few persons are aware, indeed, many of his most intimate friends, I have no doubt, never before heard, that Macaulay composed verses while yet in a pinafore, and at a preparatory school. When ten years of age he wrote poems on every conceivable subject, and before he had entered his twelfth year some verses, entitled 'An Epitaph on Martyn' year some verses, entitied 'An Epitaph on Martyn' (the celebrated missionary to Persia), were inscribed in his sister's album, and copies were sent off to Bristol and to the Babbington family in Leicestershire. Macaulay's idolatry of Milton is well known. His first and famous essay in the Edinburgh, and the numerous anecdotes narrated by Sydney Smith the numerous anecdotes narrated by Sydney Smith and Moore of his fondness for reciting whole books of the 'Paradise Lost' have long made his admireracquainted with the fact, but few know that whilst yet a child he produced in excellent verse 'An Address to Milton.' When not quite fourteen he wrote 'The Vision.' Soon after, the memorable defeat of Napoleon engaged his youthful attention, and the family received from his pen a poem entitled 'Waterloo,' and another 'An Inscription for the Column of Waterloo,' on person of the obelish Column of Waterloo,' on occasion of the obelisk being erected on the famous battle-field. Political subjects appear to have engaged his attention from an early period, for before he went to school at Shelford he indited some 'Lines to the Memory of Pitt,' 'A Radical Song,' and 'A New Ballad.' The poem called 'A Tory,' which has already been published, was written about this time. Macaulay's character is popularly believed to have been stern and his affections cold—perhaps from the fact of his never marrying;—but some of his schoolboy-pieces betray a sympathy with the tender passions that few of those who knew him in after life would have expected. He wrote a little love-song called have expected. He wrote a little love-song called 'Venus crying after Cupid,'—some 'Verses on the Marriage of a Friend,'—others in 'Imitation of Lord Byron,'—'Tears of Sensibility,'—a 'Translation of a French Song,'—and 'Lines written in a Lady's Album.' A much graver subject was treated of in a poem entitled 'A Sermon Written in a Churchyard.' These particulars of Lord Macaulay's youthful compositions have been gleaned from an old album, recently discovered, which contains, besides Macaulay's pieces some verses by Colebesides Macaulay's pieces, some verses by Coleridge, and other poems by gentlemen and ladies not known to the literary world.

"John Camden Hotten."

Mr. WALLUS'S EXHIBITION of MODERN PAINTINGS and WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS, NOW OPEN at the Gallery, Pall Mall. The Collection comprises some of the finest known gallery pictures by our best Masters, with many new works, and, now added, a fine Collection of Water-Colour Drawings, many of which are painted expressly for this Exhibition.—Admission, its Open from 8 of clock until 8.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION. — The USUAL ENTERTAINMENTS WILL CONTINUE DAILY from Twelve till Five, and in the Evenings from Seven till Ten o'clock—Admission, 1s, until the 7th of March, at which date the PROPERTY will be O'FFREED FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION. Full particulars and the conditions of Sale are in course of preparation by Mr. George Robinson, Auctioneer, 21, Old Bond Street.

Willy's Book of Birds. By Mrs. Mackie. ('Geologist' Office.)—Willy Mackie is a very lucky little fellow in having for his papa a geologist—for his mamma, an ornithologist. If there be any truth in the descent of tastes, then, when Willy becomes a man, he will be a decided fossil-ornithologist, and sophony make some semantical discoveries. More perhaps make some remarkable discoveries. Meanwhile mamma writes and papa, we suspect, lithographs for Willy's amusement and instruction; and both mamma and papa have done their parts well for lucky little Willy. Yet, wrapped up as

mamma is in her own little darling, she offers this pretty book to the child-world, "in the hope that it may afford amusement and instruction to other dear children," which there can be no doubt it will do, if they are good and child-hearted. The bird'snest in the frontispiece is a very attractive illustration, and will, we hope, satisfy all those wicked boys who have furtive propensities for nest-stealing. Lest any little Willy should be badly inclined, and hope to escape detection, we will mention the misnope to escape detection, we will mention the mis-fortune of a little boy intimately known to ourselves, who, having taken a nest with four eggs from a thicket in Kensington Gardens, hid the whole in his cap, and thought to steal home with his treasure. A sly keeper had seen this naughty boy, and awaited him at the palace-gate, where, having stopped the trembling little culprit, he suddenly struck down his cap upon his head, and thereby hatched the eggs by swift vapulation instead of slow incubation, much to the disfigurement of the diminutive depredator! Let all little boys, therefore, be content with such a book of birds as this, and such a bird's-nest as adorns it. A clear conscience is the great thing, but a clean face also is no small thing, and the culprit alluded to had, alas, neither the one nor the other.

Rana: the Story of a Little Frog. By a Friend of the Family. With Illustrations by an Amateur. (Bell & Daldy.)—If frogs were petted instead of being pelted, as is the wont of wicked boys, much that is instructive and amusing might be watched in their progress from tadpolehood to froghood: how much, may be judged of by a perusal of this pretty little book, which is very well written and neatly illustrated. A good deal more might have been said in the same strain, but the Friend of the Family was probably a little shy of his acquaint-ance. When our friends are not popular we hardly like to speak much about them; and thus it is that frogs, like dogs, having once got a bad name, keep it: they are, however, worthy of a far better fate than to be stoned by bad boys, or snapped up by hungry ducks, or fricaseed by hungry Frenchmen. In their last quarter, indeed, there may be hopes, for a Gaelic savant informs us that frogs are taking a prominent place in the French markets, or, as we should say in commercial phrase, "frogs are look-ing up, and much inquired after, but holders refuse to part with them at current quotations." however, the Rana esculenta was designed for a higher purpose than to fatten Frenchmen; at least so this brief story would lead us to conclude:— moreover, its profits will go to feeding English boys at the Boys' Home for the destitute not convicted of Crime. Will not this bring to pass a beautiful moral result—frogs made to bless their enemies, and to do good to those who despitefully use

ROYAL.—Jan. 26.—Sir B. Brodie, Bart., President, in the chair.—The Right Hon. Sir E. Ryan was proposed for admission into the Society. The following papers were read:—'On the Altera-tion of the Pitch of Sound through Different Media, by S. Ringer, Esq.—'On the frequent Occurrence of Phosphate of Lime in the Crystalline Forms in Human Urine, and on its Pathological Importance,' by Dr. Hassall.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES .- Jan. 26 .- The Earl SCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.—Jan. 26.—The Earl Stanhope, President, in the chair.—M. Victor Cousin was elected a Foreign Member, and Mr. W. Hopkinson, Mr. T. Cooper, and Mr. H. Bradshaw were elected Fellows.—Capt. Tupper exhibited a series of Photographs.—Mr. Corner read a Memoir of John, the First Lord Stanhope.—Mr. W. Bollaert read a 'Description of the Perusian Zolige of the Incom?' vian Zodiac of the Incas.'

Geological.—Jan. 18.—Sir C. Lyell, V.P., in the chair.—J. P. M Donald, Esq., W. Purdon, Esq., and J. Winter, M.D., were elected Fellows. —The following communications were read:— Notice of some Sections of the Strata near Oxford,' by J. Phillips. From the Yorkshire coast to that of Dorset, evidence of unconformity between the Oolitic and the Cretaceous strata is readily observed, the latter resting on several different mem-

bers of the former along this tract. This is especially seen in the neighbourhood of Oxford, where it is difficult to trace out correctly the limits of the Lower Cretaceous beds. The Oolitic rocks having been deposited whilst the relative position of the land and sea was being changed, many of the deposits are subject to local limitation; thus, the Coralline, Oolitic, and the Calc-grit, die out rapidly, and the Kimmeridge Clay comes to rest on the Oxford Clay. It is on the surface formed by these irregular beds, and that surface considerably denuded, owing to elevations before the Oolitic period was ended, that the Lower Cretaceous beds have been laid down. From their close propinquity, the sand-beds of different ages, when without fossils, are scarcely to be defined as Oolitic or Cretaceous, and where one clay lies upon a similar clay, the occurrence of fossils only can secure their distinction. The Farringdon sands, the sands of Shotover Hill, and those near Aylesbury, are still open to research,their Lower Greensand characters not having been clearly established. At Culham, a few miles south of Oxford, a clay-pit is worked, which presents, at the top, 3 feet of gravel; next about 20 feet of Gault with its peculiar fossils: then 9 feet of greenish sand, with a few fossils; and lastly 23 feet of Kimmeridge Clay, with its peculiar Ammonites and other fossils. In winter the clay-pit, being wet, offers little evidence of any distinction between the upper and the lower parts of the clay; but in summer the Gault and its fossils are more easily recog-nized. The intervening sand contains Pecten orbi-cularis (a Cretaceous fossil), Thracia depressa, Car-dium strictulum, and an Ammonite resembling one found in the Kimmeridge Clay. Although this sand at first sight resembles the Lower Greensand, and yields a fossil found also in the Lower Green sand, yet it is probably more closely related to the Kimmeridge Clay. Puzzling as this sand is in the pit, another enigma is offered by the railway section at Culham, where the Kimmeridge Clay is overlaid by a sand equivalent to that of Shotover Hill, not that of the glay-pit; whilst the Gault, which lies on it unconformably, can be connected with that of the clay-pit. At Toot Baldon also, though Lower Greensand probably caps the hill, yet an Oolitic Ammonite was found on the eastward slope of the hill, in a ferruginous sand, lying conformably on the Kimmeridge Clay. From these and other in-stances the difficulty of mapping the country geologically may be shown to be very great,sands of any one bed differing in colour from green to red, according to the amount of oxidation produced by exposure and other causes; and if fossils are absent, the Portland Sand and the Lower Greensand, lying against each other, may never be defined. From the great and irregular denudation, too, of the rocks, and the unequal deposition of many of the beds, it will prove a difficult problem to trace the several sands and define their age, -a problem to be solved only by close perseverance and strict search for organic remains.—'On the Association of the Lower Members of the Old Red Sandstone and the Metamorphic Rocks on the Southern Margin of the Grampians,' by Prof. R. Harkness.—'On the Old Red Sandstone of the South of Scotland,' by A. Geikie, Esq.

BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION .- Jan. 25.—N. Gould, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—Messrs. W. Burr, W. H. Bayley, G. Maw, M. J. Adams, W. Mount, J. Corbould, C. White, W. Frendenthal, M.D., and R. Scaife, were elected Associates.—Dr. Palmer exhibited a bronze spear-head, found with remains of the Caledonian ox at Newbury. Palmer also communicated a short notice of the examination of ground belonging to Mr. Banbury, at Marlstone, Berks, in which were found various portions of pottery, Roman flue and pavement tiles, tessere, &c.; together with bones of several animals, but no human remains.— Mr. Syer Cuming made some remarks upon Memorials of Charles the First, sent for exhibition by Mr. Corner, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Forman, Mr. Pratt, and from his own collection.—Mr. Dollman exhibited extensive series of drawings illustrative of buildings in Scotland, and remarked upon their several peculiarities. They consisted of views and details of the Old Tolbooth at Edinburgh, Hagg's

Castle, Glasgow, an Ancient House at Elgin, Newark Castle on the Clyde, Maybole Castle, Dirleton Castle, Roslyn Castle, Dunfermline Castle, Borthwick Castle, Crichton Castle, Stirling Castle, Clackmannan Tower, &c., exhibiting features not to be met with in English architecture, and presenting details of much beauty and interest.

HORTICULTUBAL.— Jan. 31.— Special General Meeting.—Rev. S. V. Harcourt, V. P., in the chair. —The following members of the Royal Family were elected fellows:—Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales, The Princess Alice, The Prince Alfred, The Princess Helena, The Princess Louisa, The Prince Arthur, The Prince Leopold, Princess Beatrice, The Princess Frederick William of Prussia, The Duchess of Kent, The Duchess of Cambridge, The Princess Mary. Amongst the other candidates elected were:—Sir J. D. Acton, The Marquis and Marchioness of Ailesbury, Mrs. J. Aldridge, J. Alexander, H. B. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander, Lieut.-Col. Andrews, E. L. Ames, Dr. Anstie, T. Ashton, Col. H. Baillie, T. P. Ball, Mrs. H. Barnett, Mrs. W. Barnet, J. Bell, A. Birch, Mrs. Brough, R. K. Bowley, Rev. Bell, A. Birch, Mrs. Brough, R. K. Bowley, Rev. Dr. Bonus, R. W. Buckley, E. H. Bunbury, E. R. Butler, Rev. F. C. Cass, Lord and Lady Cochrane, G. E. Cochrane, Dr. Cockle, W. Coulson, Mrs. Crockford, Sir W. and Lady Cubitt, F. W. Dolman, Miss S. S. Douglas, Mrs. N. Elias, Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, Lord C. Fitzroy, Admiral R. Fitzroy, R. Frankum, T. F. Gibson, G. Godwin, J. Gott, W. Gott, W. E. Gott, Earl and Countess of Granville, G. G. L. Gower, Mrs. Grey, Miss C. Graham, Miss C. Harvey, B. C. Harvey, Baron Hochschild, Mrs. Hammersley, Mrs. J. P. Harrison, Mrs. B. J. Hook, J. Hornblower, J. Irving, G. W. Johnson, R. Kell, Mrs. Kell, Hon. A. Kinnaird, T. J. Kinnear, Miss L. Lance, Dr. R. M. Lawrence, W. Leaf, jun., C. J. Leaf, Mrs. Lewis, Right Hon. R. Lowe, Mrs. J. Lumsden, W. W. Maitland, R. Lowe, Mrs. J. Lumsden, W. W. Maitland, H. MacChlery, W. H. McQueen, S. E. Magan, Hon. F. Maude, G. Moffatt, J. T. Mould, Sir R. Hon. F. Maude, G. Moffatt, J. T. Mould, Sir R. I. Murchison, Dr. Nairne, The Duke of Newcastle, J. Nichols, J. N. Ouvry-North, J. E. Norton, J. G. Nutting, Miss S. Phelps, Mrs. B. S. Phillips, W. Potts, E. Potts, T. W. Ramsey, T. Salt, Mrs. Salt, W. H. Salt, T. G. Sambrooke, Mrs. M. Sladen, Capt. J. K. Smith, G. A. Stewart, E. Stuart, Vice-Chancellor Sir J. Stuart, Mrs. W. Stuart, Major W. Stuart, C. P. Stuart, C. E. Stuart, Mrs. A. Taylor, J. Thomson, Lady U. Thynne, Sir T. Troubridge, Rev. J. Walker, H. Walker, Lieut. Gen. W. L. Walton, Miss Walton, Miss R. Walton, Gen. W. Watkins, Prof. Westmacott, J. H. Wilson, J. H. Winch, W. R. Winch, H. Windham, G. Wood, Mrs. Wood, Miss Wood, Master Wood. Wood, Master Wood.

CHEMICAL.—Jan. 19.—Prof. Brodie, President, in the chair.—Messrs. C. Cameron, A. Dupré, W. Plunkett, and C. H. Wood, were elected Fellows Mr. R. Warington read a paper 'On refining Gold when alloyed with Tin and Antimony, so as to render it fit for the Purposes of Coinage.' The author fluxed the gold with oxide of copper and a little borax.—Mr. G. H. Makins read a paper 'On certain Sources of Loss of Precious Metal in Assaying Operations.' There was a loss in expelling from the volatilization of gold and silver, and a loss in parting from the solubility of gold in nitric acid containing nitrous acid.—Mr. F. Field, read a paper 'On the Double Sulphides of Copper and

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS .- Jan. 24 .-G. P. Bidder, Esq., President, in the chair.—The paper read was, 'Description of the Works and G. P. Bidder, Esq., President, in the chair.—Inc paper read was, 'Description of the Works and Mode of Execution adopted in the Construction and Enlargement of the Lindal Tunnel, on the Furness Railway,' by Mr. F. C. Stileman. Jan. 31.—G. P. Bidder, Esq., President, in the chair.—The paper read was 'Upon the Means of Communication in the Empire of Brazil—chiefly in

reference to the works of the Mangaratiba S Road, and to those of the Maua, the first Brazilian Railway,' by Mr. E. B. Webb.

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Soulery of Arts.—Feb. 1.—Sir T. Phillips, Chairman of Council, in the chair.—Messrs. J. Benedict, Dr. A. J. Bernays, Dr. Buist, T. H. Burrell, F. Dawson, R. Hall, W. Hewitson, G. Johnston, F. Le Breton, W. M'Farlane, W. L. Newcombe, J. Page, S. Plinsoll, T. Radcliffe, J. Ross, and the Rev. F. Rowbottom, were elected Members.—The paper read was 'On the Arts and Manufactures of Japan,' by Dr. M'Gowan.

INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES.—Jan. 30.—C. Jellicoe, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—C. Babbage, Esq. and Prof. Sylvester were elected, on the recommendation of the Council, Honorary Members of the Institute.—F. A. Corrie, and A. H. Green, Esqs., were elected Associates.—Mr. H. W. Porter read a paper, 'On some Considerations suggested by the Reports of the Registery General. by the Reports of the Registrar-General: being an inquiry into the question as to how far the inordinate Mortality exhibited by these Reports is controllable by Human Agency. The main object of this paper was to call the attention of the public to the unnecessary sacrifice of life in this country, as evidenced by the Annual Reports of the Registrar-General, from causes which are more or less within

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

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Architects, 8. Entomological, 8. Photographie, 8.—Anniversary. Civil Engineers, 8.—'Netherton Tunnel,' Mr. Walker. Royal Institution, 3.—'Fossil Reptiles,' Prof. Owen. TUES.

Find Statements, 8.—'Netherton tonics,' Prof. Owen. Graphic, 8.

Graphic, 8. Arts, 8.—'Hair of Angora Goat, &c.' Mr. Wray. Microscopical, 8.—Anniversary. Archaeology of America,' Archaeological Association, 8.—'Archaeology of America,' Archaeological Association, 8.—'Archaeology of America,' Antiquaries, 8.

S. Mar. Fetigrew. —'Architecture,' Mr. Scott. Antiquaries, 8.

Royal, 8.—'Resin of Ficus rubiginosa, and Homologues of Bengylic Alcohol,' Mr. De la Rue and Mr. Miller.—'Method of Substitution; Formation of Iodobenzoic, Philological, 8.

Royal Institution, 3.—'Light,' Prof. Tyndall. Astronomical, 3.—Anniversary.

Royal Institution, 8.—'Races and Origin,' Prof. Huxley.

Royal Institution, 8.—'Races and Man,' Dr. Lankester.

FINE ARTS

DEATH OF CHATTERTON.

A case of great interest to the artistic world was decided on Monday last by the Master of the Rolls in Ireland. The facts are these: Mr. Wallis sold his well-known picture of 'The Death of Chatterton' to Mr. Egg, who sold to one Robert of Unatterion to Mr. legg, was sont to the research Turner the sole right to engrave and publish an engraving of it. In the agreement for sale to Turner there was the usual clause, providing that he should for a specified time be at liberty to exhibit the picture, in order to obtain subscribers, and it was exhibited accordingly, at Mr. Cranfield's. The picture had been exhibited at the neids. The picture had been exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1856, and at the Art-Treasures Exhibition at Manchester, and Mr. Wallis had permitted a wood-engraving of it to appear in the National Magazine. Under these circumstances one Robinson published a pirated photograph of the picture. There is no statute for the protection of copyright in a painting, so protection exists only so long as the work remains unpublished. The remedy is by action at law or by suit in equity. only so long as the work remains unpublished. The remedy is by action at law, or by suit in equity for an injunction. Mr. Turner elected to proceed by suit for an injunction. The defences raised show that the ingenuity of the Irish Bar is not inferior to its eloquence. It would be unjust not to give the heads of the defence seriatim. Firstly, the permission to publish the wood-engraving was a publication. Secondly, the Exhibition at the Rayal Academy was a publication. a publication. Secondly, the Exhibition at the Royal Academy was a publication. Thirdly, so also was the Exhibition at Manchester. Fourthly, the copyright was not transferable at law, so the petitioner had no interest in the matter. Fifthly, the transfer to Mr. Egg was a publication. Sixthly, so was the Exhibition at Mr. Cranfield's. Seventhly, the nainting was not original but taken from an the painting was not original, but taken from an old engraving. So there could be no copyright. Eighthly, the painting was not pirated. Ninthly, the petitioner could only sue in respect of a right of property, and many persons are of opin-ion that all property is robbery! And, tenthly, the petitioner had no such right in the picture as could sustain the suit. We have mentioned the points raised, in the order in which they

are disposed of by the Judge, following, as we presume the line of the argument, for they might be better arranged. They may be divided into questions of fact, questions of law, and—jokes! The questions of fact, as to the originality of the production and the piracy, were decided against the petitioner without hesitation. The several questions as to publication, by allowing a wood-engraving to anyear, and by exhibiting a wood-engraving to appear, and by exhibiting the picture, we should have conceived to be quite free from doubt. The Master of the Rolls, however, considered them worthy of elaborate con-sideration. The petitioner could not have re-strained any one from copying the wood-engra-ving itself, but this did not affect the copyright in the picture. The learned Judge ascertained, by correspondence with Mr. Redgrave, that an express rule of the Royal Academy disallows all copying from pictures sent for exhibition. In manner he ascertained from Mr. Fairbairn that, at Manchester, no copying was allowed, except with the express permission of the owner of the picture; and, having regard to these facts, he held that these exhibitions did not amount to publication. He also held that the exhibition, for publication. He also held that the exhibition, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions, had not the effect of publication, which would defeat the very object of the exhibition. The objection that the copyright was not transferable, and that the transfer to Egg was a publication, the Master of the Rolls could not perceive the force of. We suspect there must have been some joke intended, which he failed to take. The ninth defence (which we have cauto take. The ninth defence (which we have cau-tiously given in the Judge's own words) is clearly facetious. If property be robbery, what is the use of lawyers? No Irish barrister can ever have doubted his own utility, and, therefore, this argu-ment can never have been seriously used. It was also decided that the petitioner had a sufficient interest to support his case; an injunction was therefore granted, limited to the time for which the petitioner was to have the right to exhibit the picpetitioner was to have the right to exhibit the pic-ture, and Mr. Robinson was ordered to pay the costs. We think it was Lord Jeffrey who remarked, that the Courts of Justice waste time in proportion as they have little to do, and that if there were but one cause it would never be finished at all. If this be so, we conceive from the conduct of this case, that there can be no pressure of business in the Irish Rolls Court. The judgment, the effect of which we have endeavoured to give, is very long, but is worthy of perusal. The learned Judge laments the inadequacy of the protection afforded to painters madequacy or law, and expresses a hope that the subject may be brought before Parliament this Session—a hope in which all will join, for on no point is the state of the law more unsatisfactory—and this is saying a good deal.

FINE-ART GOSSIP .- Mr. H. O'Neil and Mr. FINE-ART GOSSIP.—Mr. H. O'Neil and Mr. W. C. T. Dobson are the happy elected Associates of the Royal Academy. We do not see how the Forty could have made a wiser choice. The competitors who might have seriously interfered with the claims of either gentleman to a place in the Associateship were not on the list of candidates. The two certlemen came in the acate. Mr. Associateship were not on the list of candidates. The two gentlemen came in at a canter. Mr. O'Neil had an overwhelming majority over Mr. Dobson at the first "scratching." Mr. Dobson had an unusually large majority for the second vote. The Academy has done well, and may be congratulated on the accession of strength.

Manchester does nothing by halves. Whether she belts herself with public parks, or founds a Free

Trade League, or rewards a meritorious servant of the State, her action is always on a princely scale - in a manner to command from future scale — in a manner to command from future ages the title of Manchester the Magnificent! A scheme is now proposed by one of her citizens, Mr. Thomas Fairbairn, for enriching the city with a Gallery of Art and Museum. This Gallery he proposes to erect at a cost—not to the State, but to the citizens; not raised by taxes on the poor and the unwilling, but from the free gifts of the liberal and munificent—of a hundred thousand pounds! The sum almost takes one's breath. In London everything must be bought for us. We haggle about pence and shillings. We cannot get a Public Library for the wealthiest

borough in England, when that borough is Marylebone. A few individuals tried to support a voluntary Free Library in the New Road, but after a year or two they failed. But Mr. Fairbairn talks of his Gallery of Art, of his subscription of a hundred thousand pounds, with the confidence of a man who never counts on failure. In his appeal he treats the proposal under three heads:—The Advantages of having a Gallery of Art—the Character of that Gallery—the Means for obtaining it. The first, our readers will take for granted. On the second point Mr. Fairbairn asys—"The prothe second point Mr. Fairbairn says—"The proposed institution, if we would have it command the attention of the masses and deserve the patronage of the wealthy and those who have works of Art to of the wealthy and those who have works of Art to give away, must be no puny and purely local affair,—but must attain a national importance from its extent and largeness of design. Its situation should be central and convenient, without spending too large a proportion of the general fund by which it would have to be raised in the purchase of land; and if it were possible to carry out the scheme in connexion with some much needed improvement in the main thoroughfares of the city it night be in the main thoroughfares of the city, it might be regarded with a still wider interest, and receive, regarded with a still wider interest, and receive, perhaps, a more general support and assistance. In the first instance it would be necessary to secure a plot of land containing not less than 6,000 or 8,000 square yards. This area would suffice for the ultimate requirements of the Gallery, in the event of it being possible to erect in the first in-stance only a portion of the whole building; but it can scarcely be doubted that public liberality will raise such a fund as will permit a complete and commodious structure to be finished at once, and that with characteristic self-reliance, we shall not be contented with half measures. We now possess the experience of what well lighted and properly one experience of what well lighted and properly decorated picture and sculpture galleries should be, and there need, therefore, be no waste of money in experimental investigations and frequent failure. Rooms or saloons, with a floor area of 3,000 square yards, would give ample space for the proper arrangement of the largest collections of pictures and drawings of the ancient and modern schools and would rewrit also if desired a channel. proper arrangement of the largest collections of pictures and drawings of the ancient and modern schools, and would permit also, if desired, a chronological and historical arrangement of the works of the several masters. In addition, there should be corridors for works in sculpture, both original works and copies of the famous statues and groups which adorn the various capitals and cities of Europe — the collection of casts at Sydenham proving that the formation of such an instructive collection is not only possible, but comparatively easy. It might further be found to be exceedingly advantageous and interesting, to devote one extensive hall to the portraiture of Lancashire worthies and local benefactors,—a Hall of Fame, where aspiring youth might muse upon the features of the mighty dead, where one could claim a kind of acquaintance with the men whose genius and inventions had not only created industries, but built up empires; and, with the millustrious men and women, who, as authors or artists, philosophers or philanthropists, had shed a lustre upon the places of their birth." On the third point, of ways and means, the argument is more elaborate, and more local in interest. But we find no reason to be dissatisfied with it. The grounds laid down by Mr Fairbairn justify the hopes which he entertains. We gladly notice that he proposes to have the money well in hand before commencing operations,—at least 70,000% subscribed. This sounds like earnest!

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, Exeter Hall.—Conductor, Mr. COSTA.—FRIDAY, February 17, will be REPEATED Mendelssohn's LOBGESANG and Handel's DETINIEN TE DEUM.—Principal Vocalists: Madame Rudersdorff, Miss P. Rowland, Mr. Sims Reeres, and Signor Bellett.—Telkets, Sa., 5s., and 10s. dd. cach, at the Society's Office, 6, in Exeter Hall.

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ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—On MONDAY, TROVATORE.—Messrs. Santley, Henry Haigh, Walworth, Lyall, Miss Parepa, and Miss Pilling.—On TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, a new Operetta, entitled ROMANCE. Music by Henry Leslie. Messrs. G. Honey and W. Harrison, Miss Brilling. Messrs. G. Honey and W. Harrison, Miss Thrifty Y. Hill. CROWN, D. A. MONDAY.—Messrs. G. Honey, H. Corri, Sk. Albyn, and W. Harrison, Miss Thritwall and Miss Louisia Pyne. Conductor, Mr. Alfred Mellon. To conclude with PUSS in BOOTS; or, HARLEQUIN and the PAIRY of the GOLDEX PALMS. Messrs. W. H. Tayne, H. Faure, H. Janes, Splendid Scenery, New Effects, Transformations, French Dancers, Milles, Lequine, Pasquale, Pierron, M. Vandris. The Pantomime produced by Mr. E. Stirling, Doors open at Half-past Six, commence at Seven. No charge for Booking, or feet to Box-Keepers.—Stage Mayers.—LAST GRAND, MORNING PERFORMANCE on WEDNESDAY NEXT, at Two o'clock—Private Boxes (to hold four persons), from 10s. 6d. upwards; Stalls, 7s.; Dress Circle, 5s.; Amphitheatre Stalls, 3s.; Pit, 2s. 6d.; Amphitheatre, 1s.

THE FIRST GLASGOW FESTIVAL .- There was much to interest true lovers of Music in this meeting. Its announced scale proclaimed that new groun was about to be broken for Art in a magnificent and stirring town. Its provisions, to which we have adverted, were wise in their originality. having been able to see reason why all our provincial Musical Festivals must be arranged preci after one set pattern, the time of year, time of day, limitation of number decided on by those who drew out the scheme of these Glasgow performances, were all to us so many indications of good sense, no less than enterprise.—Then the fact that so new a meeting adventured to produce a grand original work, by an English composer, suggested itself as another claim on the regard of those who would have every chance given to novelty—if to home novelty, much the better. Such a meeting could not take place without the usual preludes and running accompaniments—local discomfitures (in most cases arising from no desire to offend, so much as from inexperience on the part of the committee)-th logical denunciations, as sapient as that of the innocent Quaker, who rose in the preacher's gallery "towarn dear young Friends against witnessing the coming ascension of the airy balloon; because man was made to walk on the earth, and not to fly in the air."—In spite of these, the first Glasgow Festival has gone over well. What was amiss will be easily amended on a future occasion; and it was evident that the aggrieved warnings of the Keitledrummles had failed to strike terror into "harp, sackbut, psaltery," or kettle-drum—or into those who partook of their abominations.

The City Hall is an oblong room, of handsome proportions, decorated in the somewhat gone-by classic taste of volute and honeysuckle patterns pro moted by Anastasius Hope and his followers; and in the terra-cotta and glaucous green tints used, though the effect be faded, pleasanter to the eye than certain modern chromatic attempts to employ the less Pagan schools of ornament, which London contains.—The organ-front, however, is an eyesore, by reason of its width. The sonority of the Hall is It was not well warmed; seeing that January

The Festival was opened duly by 'God save the Queen,' given in a new fashion—inasmuch as for the first time in our recollection, only two verses were sung; and by a small inaugurating speech from the Lord Provost; who (no offence to civic dignity) ought to have rehearsed his solo better. — After these came an extremely good performance of 'Elijah,'—in many places and these, too, places which did not depend on the principal singers-on whom, their names having been announced, there is no need to descant; save to say that most of them were at their best. The Glasgow chorus, consisting, we are instructed, exclusively of amateurs belonging to St. Mungo's capital, and four hundred in number, a very good one. - The soprani have fresh acerbity; the alti, Scottish voices, clear without tenors, and basses, also, are efficient,—the last parti-cularly so. The band was from London, led by Mr. Blagrove; but 'Elijah' made it evident that Glasgow possesses a musical conductor of no common order. Till this meeting was announced, many were totally strangers to the name of Mr. Lambeth. His handling of 'Elijah' was decisive of the high praise with which it should be introduced to those who do not know it. Not merely did that Oratorio prove that the conductor has his chorus under control, but more, that he reads his

conscientiously, not pedantically - and colours it vigorously and picturesquely warmth, yet without extravagance. The colours The tempi left little to desire: some of the most difficult and delicate effects came out with unusual force and beauty-we may instance the well-known sequence in the final chorus of the first part, and the celestial vocal close of the chorus, "He watching over Israel." We have heard nothing more satisfactory; and the more pleasure in recording because the satisfaction had somewhat of surprise in it. - While on matters unknown to London, we may speak of the only singer in the cast of 'Elijah' who was a stranger to us-Miss Whitham, a young Yorkshire lady, with a superb soprano voice. She appears to aspire to the succession of Mrs. Sunderland in the "Ridings";—but her voice wants training and refinement. We have never met so young a lady so resolute to be loud. The child bidden to "go up and look toward the sea" from the tower, by the Prophet, should not shout her message to *Elijah*. The voice is far off, and high overhead. In the *trio* of angels, too, Miss Whitham seemed determined to sing down Madame Novello and Miss Dolby. Should she learn that voices were given to charm withal, and not to "quail, crush, conclude, and quell"—should she study for finish and a pure delivery of tones so rich and tuneable as those entrusted to her by Nature we may hear more of Miss Whitham-and very good things from her.

The second performance, or miscellaneous concert, was what such concerts are generally. This entertainment, however, attracted a larger audience than the first meeting. Here, again, the part-singing of the unaccompanied voices did high credit to him who trained them. It would have been as well could they have been heard in some secular chorus with orchestra, by way of close to an act. The instrumental solo was one on the organ, by Mr. H. Smart. The encores were to Miss Dolby's 'Spirit Song,' by Haydn (grave and solemn as that canzonet is), to the 'Maud' of Mr. Sims Reeves, and to

the overture to 'Oberon.' At the third performance was produced the new Oratorio,—to bring forward which, we repeat, implied a spirit and a liberality in the gentlemen of Glasgow worthy of all honour. Native composers have no longer to complain of want of chances. The argumentum ad misericordiam which so long pleaded for "encouragement" of a depressed race would now amount to admission of their incompetence.—So glad were we to see 'Gideon' announced, in the hope of its deciding its own place for one trained in the best serious music that, in proportion, we regret to state our impressions that it establishes a small definite advance on 'David, 'Joseph,' and 'Comus,'—It is true that Mr. C. Horsley's new subject-a war-story from the Old Testament-is not treated as it might have been. -We are aware of the difficulty of arranging an Oratorio-book (especially in days when most of the greatest Scriptural subjects have been already appropriated), and we are willing, seeing that doc tors have differed on the subject, to waive our strong objection to any other than the original words of Scripture, not merely in right of propriety, but because of the lofty musical inspirations which they contain :- still, we cannot approve of the Rev. The narrative Archer Gurney's share in 'Gideon.' is not clearly set forth; the characters are not distinctly traced; the words are too often unpoetical and disconnected. Inasmuch as action is not possible in Oratorio, and as only the dramatic and secular elements can enter into its composition sparingly, succinctness and ingenuity are required to lead on the story to its close, and to admit only such incidents as vary without confusing the narrative. It is not well to have introduced another commissioned servant of the Most High in duel with the priests of Baal-another frantic mob. calling for sudden judgment on the believers in the true faith - another manifestation of angel witnesses (those awkward substitutes for the Chorus of the Greek drama). The text, we repeat, -from the inevitable comparisons involved, -the want of new situations, of progressive incident, and of clear character, is full of difficulties for the most original of composers,

Whatever be thought of the book, it seems to us clear that Mr. C. Horsley has undergone little change as a composer, — as formerly, writing fluently, and with knowledge how to construct a composition; - throwing off occasionally elegant vocal phrases, among too many that had better have reconsidered,-too frequently treating the orchestra in a manner which tends to hide, not set forth such felicities as his Oratorio contains.—His reminiscences range more widely, perhaps, than in his former works.—'Gideon' mainly made up of songs and choruses; since it contains only one duett, and one unaccompanied vocal quartett.—The overture is an elaborate movement, in D major.—The opening chorus, one of lamentation, in a minor, 4, is in Handel's manner: vide the opening of 'Israel.'—No. 4, a short solo for the bass with chorus, is elegant: but why do the air No. 5, and, again, No. 11, begin with phrases in precisely the same rhythm? By this the effect of both is impaired, though the first intro-duces the principal soprano, and the second Gideon. of the air No. 5, again, is inconclusive The close and at variance with the words, which demand boldness and confidence in the music, and not a melancholy minor phrase delivered pianissimo, with a shuddering tremolando to support the voice. - The short chorus, No. 6, "She speaketh well," is agreeable and gracious; so, too, is the chorus, No. 10;—but No. 8, a chorus to Baal (in F major, too); and No. 12, "The Vision of Angels," speaking and No. 12, "The Vision of Angels," speaking in soprano harmonies, are criticized by our mere description. Surely, Mr. C. Horsley cannot have forgotten 'Elijah' and 'St. Paul'!—The chorus, No. 15, an allegro con fuoco, leading into a fugue on a good subject well handled, is more real, and one of the best and most muscular numbers in the Oratorio.-The duett, No. 17, which has a delicate orchestral figure, is led into by a phrase a due of a form, already used as closing the Zarephath scene in 'Elijah.'—The first part ends with a corale in three strophes. Here, reconsideration, if it merely took the shape of a pause between verse and verse, and not that of interlude, would double the effect.

The words crowd each other; but the coda Paintssimois impressive and suppliant.—The Second Part of 'Gideon' opens with a sacrilege chorus in B minor, which has wildness and spirit. Then comes a space in which its want of interest may be charged on the book;—and this brings us to No. 23, a sacred ballad for the soprano, which shows Mr. C. Horsley in his best vein, and should become a popular serious song.—We like less No. 25, the short aria for the contralto, and not at all the unaccompanied quartett, --since, there, the detached notes produce an effect which, we apprehend, is not the one designed.—The solo and chorus, "Deep in the shades," is in the flowing serenade style, exis in the flowing serenade style, exceedingly well ended—the ascending passage for the tenor voices (p. 92 of the pianoforte score, repeated afterwards by the soprani) is charming. The war-song of Gideon, the most important solo in the Oratorio, has some vigour and motion, but falls where it should rise. In its close, where the key changes from E minor to E major, the ear is baulked, for the voice is made to accompany the orchestra, not the orchestra the voice, and the result is an anti-climax.—The final chorus of the second part, in the more stately oratorio style, is one of the three best numbers in the work.

If the 'War March of the Midianites,' which opens Part the Third, fails to fulfil its purpose, owing to its patchiness of many phrases from whose "old acquaintance" there is no escaping,—No. 31, a War-Song, for male voices alone, was the favourite number in Glasgow, being encored enthusiastically. We cannot but think that its jolly Liedertafel character makes it out of place in a sacred work. There are Bacchanalian and hunting ditties by Zumsteeg and Blum fully as religious as this.—The opening of Gideon's last song, a tranquil prayer, is melodious and expressive.—We very much like the melodious and expressive.—we very much and Battle Chorus, No. 34; it is vigorous, spirited, picture of the Oratorio. The torial, and redeems the close of the Oratorio. phrase (pages 131-2) where the stringed instruments ascend by the progression of a third is true, new, and most brilliant; the stretto is animated. ene of somewhat similar character in the 'Saul' of Herr Ferdinand Hiller occurs to us. But Mr.

Horsley beats his German contemporary hollow; both in force, picturesqueness, and novelty.—Had the rest of the Oratorio been pitched as high, 'Gideon' would have been a remarkable work.— The final piece, a solo for soprano with chorus, is so complete a falling off that it would not be unwise to terminate the Oratorio with the foregoing number,—even though a final fugue to end the opus with an "Amen" be considered by classicists as indispensable as the "grace after meat" at a

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'Gideon' was received with much applause.
It was well sung by the principal artists, Madame
Novello, Miss Dolby, Messrs. Sims Reeves,
Lockey, Weiss, and Winn, and by the excellent
chorus,—though under circumstances of difficulty.
There can be no doubt that Mr. C. Horsley has endangered his own Oratorio. Our explanation of this seemingly strange assertion may be of use to future composers, favoured with like desirable opportunities of bringing forward their music.
The fancy which possesses our countrymen themselves to conduct all they create (one not shared by Signor Rossini, M. Meyerbeer, M. Auber, M. Haldvy, not to speak of half-a-dozen German composers of merit) can only arise from the fallacious notion that every musician is born a conductor: possessing those qualities of command which ensure results—that tact in their application, that instant power of self-judgment, and self-rectification -and that abstinence from over-excitement, which depend on a peculiar organization, and are totally distinct from musical science.—Even a skilled conductor, when the new work happens to be his own, must find his responsibilities no common burden. Then, for him to remain self-possessed and unshaken is in truth very difficult. By a like misappre-hension, Mr. H. Leslie's 'Judith' was perilled at Birmingham. The pleasure among an audience of seeing an author carried away by delight in his own work is dearly paid for if the orchestra be not at ease, and if his intentions are imperfectly conveyed to his chorus and principal singers. Only momentary enthusiasm can be excited for one whose presence brings confusion and restraint—not composure to his executants. In pursuance of the subject, and in vindication of every true principle of Art, and in protection of Mr. Horsley against himself,—let us point out that such London judgment as may have been formed of 'Gideon' from the rehearsal here can be in no respect valid;—since that was neither rehearsal nor performance, but a scramble at sight through a long complicated work, without stop, let, hindrance, correction of parts, or other business essential to preparation, and in the presence of a crowd in full dress!—The Glasgow gentlemen were wiser and more artistic in their utter exclusion of audiences from their rehearsals. In no other musical capital than London could such as seen have taken place. If the impression made (and first impression stick) was less favourable than it might have been, who is to blame?—There is also less of deliberation than can be approved in also less of deliberation than can be approved in the publication of so long a production previous to performance and judgment. Where is the chance of change, amendment, of clision, or addition, when the complete Oratorio or opera is thus given out for better for worse, ere its composer has tried it on his public?—Men-delssohn is for ever (as he should be) in the mouths of our young Englishmen;—yet after the unparagoned triumph of Mendelssohn's 'Elijah,' the master piece of one experienced in writing and in the master-piece of one experienced in writing and in superintending the production of music, -he altered superintending the production of music,—ne attered his oratorio importantly, recomposing even some of the numbers. What makes such haste yet more undesirable on the present occasion is, the fact that the published 'Gideon' (Rodwell) has been hurried out with an amount of press errors almost unique in our experience. A hard musical head and a sharp pencil are required for the comprehension and correction of its myriad crudities. Those who are on the side of the artist to encourage and assist him cannot overlook these things. The peculiar position of an oratorio like 'Gideon' at a festival such as this Festival makes which the period of the control of the con such as this Festival, makes explicit speech imperative on the part of those who desire to see English Art (as well as Glasgow) flourish!

Admirable was the performance of 'The Messiah,' yesterday week, in point of choral glory. Every favourable impression of Mr. Lambeth, as Every favourable impression of Mr. Lambeth, as a conductor, was confirmed and increased during the progress of this Sacred Oratorio. In the choruses, "For unto us," "He trusted in God," "Surely He hath borne our grief," "Lift up your heads," "Hallelujah," there were not merely precision of attack, purity of tone, and balance of parts, justice of tempo, without pedantry—but that warmth and enthusiasm which can be only warmth and enthusiasm which can be only imparted to his forces by a general strong as he is enthusiastic, and which cannot fail to enkindle emotion in an audience. To hear such an inspirit-ing (we may say exceptional) performance in a remote place, under direction of a countryman little known, who must have studied late, and thought long, and felt truly, to arrive at such a result—was well worth the journey to Glasgow. So long as that town keeps its present Director it has a first-class musical mark on it. It is gratifying to conclude our notes on the First Glasgow Festi val by stating that the financial results have far exceeded expectation.—There will be some surplus,

ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.— A fantastic widow lady at York, Miss Louisa Pyne, who has a passion for "Knights of the Road" (there were ladies, Mr. Ainsworth will bear witness, who "pulled caps" for Claude Duval), selects as the hero of her romance, Dick Turpin; and to humour her sentimentality, a lover (Mr. Harrison) allows himself to be taken for that dear, dashing marauder, thereby embarrassing the Mayor of York (Mr. Honey), whose wife (Miss Thirlwall) is the second woman indispensable to every opera Tilburina. Clever as the gentleman is, however, Lady Araminta detects his disguise, and finds out her own heart, while fooling himself, herself, and the Mayor, "to the top of their bent." This is the argument of Mr. Palgrave Simpson's operata 'Romance.' Mr. H. Leslie's music is his first attempt, we believe, at opera — and no reader need be told that we maintain no such first attempt to be decisive. But melody has been less cared for allows himself to be taken for that dear, dashing be decisive. But melody has been less cared for by ladies in 'Romance' than instrumental nicety. The score contains hardly a single phrase that possesses itself of the ear, save the minuet in the ball scene, which is a right good old-fashioned minuet. No purpose would be served were we further to enter into detail, and to illustrate why — kindly received as was this operetta, with three pieces encored, two ballads, and a part-song—it may still fail to keep the stage, though it opens the door of the theatre to its composer.

LYCEUM.-Madame Celeste has resorted to Mr. Charles Dickens's stirring story, 'A Tale of Two Cities,' for aid in the task of rendering her theatrical speculation popular; and we think is likely, notwithstanding some appearances to the con-trary, to succeed in her aim. Mr. Tom Taylor has been engaged to reduce the tale to a stageform, and the rehearsals have been superintended by the author himself. On Monday the adaptation, thus carefully prepared and corroborated, was produced to a numerous and fashionable audience. It is not necessary, and would even be improper, for us to set forth at large the plot of a story so well known. But we may state, that, story so well known. But we may state, that, although the title is retained, the scene of action is confined to one city, and the whole business is transacted in Paris. The piece commences, in the French style, with a Prologue, and presents a chamber in an old house outside Paris, where poor Colette Dubois, in a dying condition, is attended by the unfortunate Doctor Manette (Mr. James the unfortunate Doctor Manette (Mr. James Vining), who has been brought blind-folded to the place by the direction of the Marquis de St. Evremond (Mr. Walter Lacy) and the Chevalier de St.-Evremond (Mr. Forrester), who are present to conduct the proceedings. The physician's inconduct the proceedings. The physician's integrity renders a lettre de cachet necessary, and the tegrity renders a lettre de cuenet necessary, and the honest practitioner is, accordingly, lodged in the Bastille. Such is the introduction to the main drama. This consists of two acts. In the first we are introduced to Madame Defunge (Madame Celeste), at the wine-shop of her husband (Mr.

James Johnstone), and soon become acquainted with the feelings of vengeance that animate her for her sister's wrongs and premature death. This wine-shop is made by the adapter to be visited by the Marquis de St.-Evremond, and Sydney Carton (Mr. Villiers), the former meeting his death in consequence from the sunsculotte, Gaspard (Mr. H. Butler), and also serves for the scene of the *émeute*, and the frantic dance of the *Carmagnole*, by which the horrors of the Revolution are symbolized. The development includes the return of Dr. Manette from the Bastille, and his slow recognition of his daughter, a situation which, though painfully prolonged, was finely interpreted by Mr. Vining. To Miss Kate Saville, also, who performed the part of Lucie Manette, great com-mendation is due for the natural pathos that she displayed during this trying interview. With this scene concluded the first act; and both the actor and the actress were deservedly summoned before the curtain. Much praise is also due to Mr. T. Lyon for his capital impersonation of Mr. Jarvis Lorry, the man of business. The scene, in prison, between Sydney Carton and the son of the Chevalier de St. Evremond were effectively enacted by Messrs. Villiers and Forrester; and the concluding scene in the salon in Tellson's bank, while Carton passes the window on the tumbril, was certainly very impressive. On the fall of the curtain, however, the applause was not so general as might have been expected. For this there is more than one reason. The piece needed abridgment, and more than one repulsive incident, or character (that of Cruncher, for instance, though it cuaracter (that of Cruncher, for instance, though it was capitally acted by Mr. Rouse), might have been advantageously omitted. But the main reason is, that the interest of the action is rather historical than dramatic. It depends on the public events of the revolutionary period to which it relates, rather than in domestic incident and character. These public events were annuly illuscharacter. These public events were amply illustrated by theatrical accessories; and it is to be hoped that Madame Celeste may be recompensed the spirit which she has evinced in the outlay for the spirit which she has evinced in the outlay that she has so lavishly ventured on the appointments of the new piece. Her own acting as both heroines was remarkably effective, and might have commanded a greater triumph if the character of Madame Defarge had been more strongly developed. When the drama has undergone the needful revision and reduction, it is likely to become popular.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP .- The twentyseventh Report of the Sacred Harmonic Society is a document which must give pleasure to all who enjoy the chronicles of Prosperity. The number of Subscribers is on the increase.—There were fifteen full performances given in 1859,—at which eleven complete works were brought forward. There were eight choral rehearsals: and besides these the Handel Festival, which proved so profitable to all concerned, that the Society has carried a sum of one thousand pounds to the credit of its benevo-lent fund, and feels itself in a condition to vote testimonials to its prominent officers. Foremost among these must be mentioned Signor Costa, whose arrangements and additional accompani-ments, including a large amount of labour, are stated in the Report to have been a free gift to the Society.-It has been impossible to notice the Oratorios as they have been performed without recognizing the progress in perfection of execution. The Sacred Harmonic Society may be now pointed out as at the head of similar bodies in Europe. Let every one urge on it a little more enterprise in production. It is with pleasure we hear of an intention to produce Herr Molique's Oratorio during the passing year.—Another Sydenham Festival is distinctly promised for the coming Exhibition year 1862. There is still an abuse to be remedied connected with the Sacred Harmonic Society, though, unhappily, not under its control; the perilous inconvenience of the locality in which it meets as regards outlet. Though it seem vain to appeal to the selfishness of the philanthropic proprietors of Exeter Hall, the matter must again and again be laid before the public till the needful remedy and redress be obtained. The case is one in which to cease from agitation is to fail in duty.

At Monday's Popular Concert, the instrumental | musical stage. It was she who brought from its music, performed by Mr. C. Halle, Herr Molique, and Signor Piatti, was devoted to Beethoven. Miss Palmer and Miss Cole were the singers.— Miss Dolby's Second Soirée has taken place,—also, the Annual Concert, at Eton, of that estimable pianist, Mr. W. Cusins.—Last evening, The Sacred Harmonic Society gave Mendelssohn's 'Lobgesang,' and the Dettingen 'Te Deum.'—The new Music Room in the Crystal Palace, of which we may speak shortly, is to be inaugurated to-day by a Concert, in which Signor Belletti will sing, and the Overture to 'Faust,' by Mr. H. H. Pierson, forms

part of the programme.

Mdlle. Corbari is in England, singing, as a substitute for Miss Balfe, in a provincial tour.—Miss Augusta Thomson, the young lady who gained honours in Paris last year, is expected forthwith, in London, to be in readiness for the season.— Madame Novello has come and gone; and will only return to England, we are assured, on good authority, for the autumn Festivals,—then to take leave of the English public. If this be true, her loss will be severely felt in sacred music.

In March, 1859, it may be recollected some report

was offered of the monster gathering of French male part-singers in Paris, conducted by M. Delaporte, of Sens. We perceive that something of the kind,—otherwise a convocation of French voices from places as far off as Toulouse and Tarascon, is to be presented at the Sydenham Crystal Palace during the coming early summer. We trust that, as reviving the amicable contests of the ancient Idylls, our London fifteen thousand voices will also come to hearing on the occasion.

Mr. Pittman, whose skill on the organ is known especially to all the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, is delivering five Lectures on musical subjects, principally sacred, at the London Institution.

The musical events of the last few days in Paris may be summed up as follows:—A concert by Herr Wagner, devoted to music of the future, the good chances of which, in Paris, seem, at best, problematical. If our allies only accept M. Berlioz as a composer, at intervals, and under protest, there is small likelihood of their opening their sympathies to one, who is nothing if not German to the top of ultra Germanism. An opera of the past,—'Il Matrimonio,'—got through at the Italian Theatre, by Mdlles. Penco, Alboni, and Dottini; Signor Gardoni, Badiali, and Zucand Dottini; Signor Gardoni, Badian, and Zuc-chini.—An operetta of the present, at the Théâtre Lyrique,—'Ma Tante Dort,' by M. Caspers.—At the Société des Jeunes Artistes, a 'Pastoral Chorus on a Christmas Carol of the Eighteenth Century,' by M. Gounod.—Last night, 'Le Roman d'Elvire,' a new comic opera, by M. Ambroise Thomas, was to be given at the Opera Comique.

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The Musical Directory, Register, and Almanac (Rudall & Co.), is a handbook which may be referred to by all who conceive the time to have come at which Music may look for some regard from those who distribute England's encouragement-money. - Though not scrupulously correct, the list which it contains of eighty provincial concerts, given during the year 1859 (not a tithe of the provincial concerts given)—each of which had some marking feature—represents a popular ani-mation, pleasure, and knowledge, which claim re-

cognition

Herr Wild, the veteran German tenor, whose death was announced last week, is said to have left Memoirs.—Gluck's 'Iphigenie in Tauris' has been revived at Vienna with great success, the heroine's part played by Mdlle. Dustmann.—Schumann's Manfred' lived only one night in the Opera House.

The great actors of this century are rapidly disappearing. The last who has gone is Madame Von Bock, better known in England as Madame Schröder-Devrient ;- the artist who made us acquainted with 'Fidelio,' when that opera was first produced here, under the short-lived opera management of Mr. Monck Mason. Wilhelmina Schröder, born in 1805, was the daughter of the Siddons of Germany, and the inheritress of much of her mother's dramatic power.—The gift of a strong soprano voice, directed her, as a child, to ; and, during twenty years or more, she was opera one of the most famous illustrations of the German

temporary obscurity, and set it in its place, Beethoven's one opera; her fire and passion, too, may be said to have kept Weber's 'Euryanthe' from perishing.-In short, she was earnest, tender, and ardent, as a tragedian; if not dignified enough for the heroines of Gluck's antique operas, striking and successful in everything that was more ro-mantic.—Madame Schröder-Devrient, however, was never a great singer. Her voice, though powerful, and capable of extreme pathos, had never been trained by a good method; and, under a false idea of expression, was forced and misused. Everything was sacrificed to stage effect; and, as years passed on, this became inevitably more and more exaggerated. As a concert singer, or one treating Italian music, Madame Schröder-Devrient was not satisfactory. On the stage as Leonora, Euryanthe, The Lady (in M. Chélard's 'Macbeth') and Valentine, she was overcoming,—sometimes monopolizing attention, by the excess of her byplay;—but always intense, zealous, and thoroughly possessed of the part she attempted to personate. possessed of the part she attempted to personate. Her figure was very fine, her hair was magnificent; her face arrested the audience by its earnestness, though it was not handsome.—Her first marriage, though it was not a happy one; with Herr Karl Devrient, was not a happy one; er second was made only some ten years ago; and, till lately, she appeared in public from time to time, though little was left to her, except the strong will, by which, in her palmy days, she had carried away her audience, and not only at home, but in Paris and London also. Many as were her defects, it would be hard, in these days, to find in Germany a prima donna equal to Wilhelmina Schröder-Devrient.

MISCELLANEA

The Book-Trade,-From time to time communications have been addressed to the Athenaum on the excessive competition in the book-trade. merly, it was no unusual thing to find bound copies of our best authors advertised in the cheapest and most effective way by exhibition on the shelves of the trade in general. This has now ceased to be the case, and the business is said (and justly) to be so little profitable that many of the smaller "houses" are seeking other means of gaining a livelihood. There are two complaints—one that books are sold too cheaply to the public, the other that, by the present arrangements, the supply, and especially that of the best works, at cash prices, is thrown into so few hands as, virtually, to create a monopoly. To the first of these complaints, the public in general, and free-traders in particular, will pay little regard,—but the second may, I think, be worthy of consideration. It is an axiom in all trades that a decrease in the number of agents is equivalent to a decrease in the power of circulation, and that this again is equal to an increase in the original cost of production, which is ultimately to be paid out of the pockets of the public. There are two courses—the one a remedy, the other a palliative. The first is the separation of the trade into its legitimate branches. First, the publisher, then the wholesale agent for the exclusive supply of the retail trade, or, occasionally, the publish and wholesale agent combined, and finally the bond fide retailer, who, entirely unshackled as to any reduction he might see fit to make to the public, should confine himself to his retail profit, and nothing more. I cannot see that authors, publishers, booksellers, or the public could derive anything but benefit from this. But, if the change should be considered too violent, there then remains as a palliative-a word which has worked wonders in our generation—combination. If certain members of the smaller houses formed themselves into associations, there is no reason why they should not be able to purchase at the great book sales in such quantities and on such terms as would place them on the most advantageous level.

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